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Implications of somatosensory amplification for the design of chronic pain clinical trials

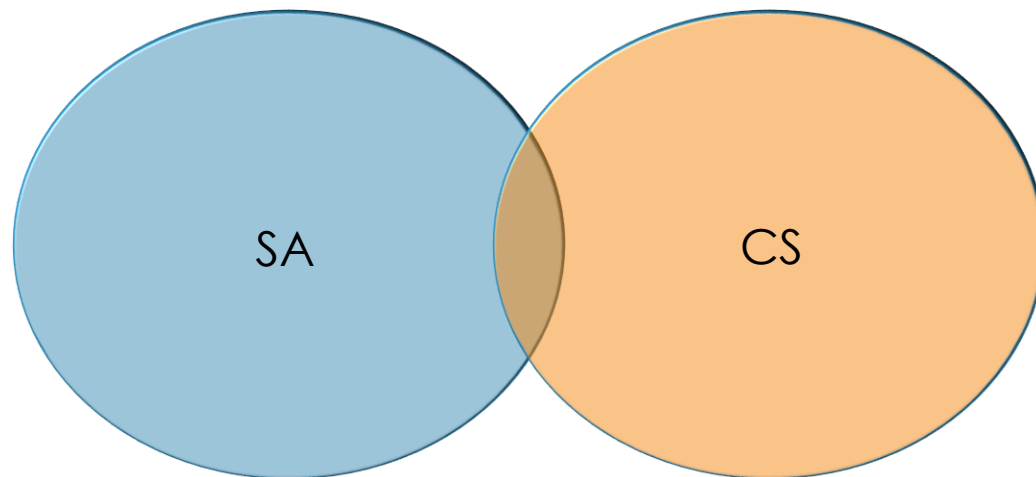
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Terms/Implications

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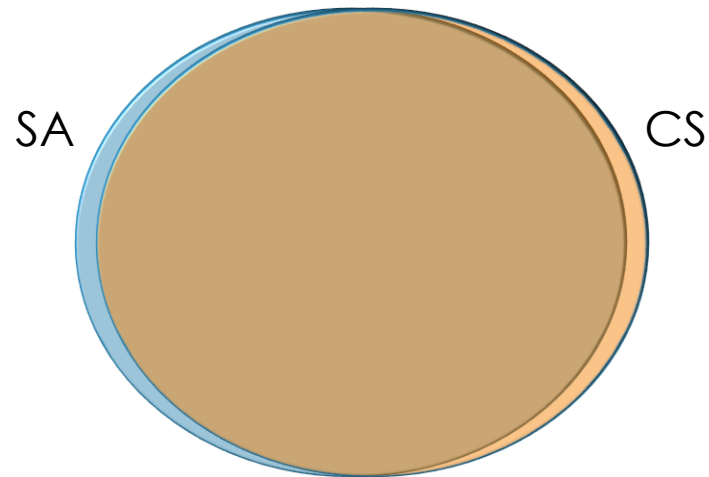
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■ Overlap?



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Definitions

▣ Central Sensitization

- ▣ Increased responsiveness of nociceptive neurons in the central nervous system to their normal or subthreshold afferent input. (IASP taxonomy)

- ▣ Not “related” to cognitive or emotional factors.

▣ Somatosensory Amplification

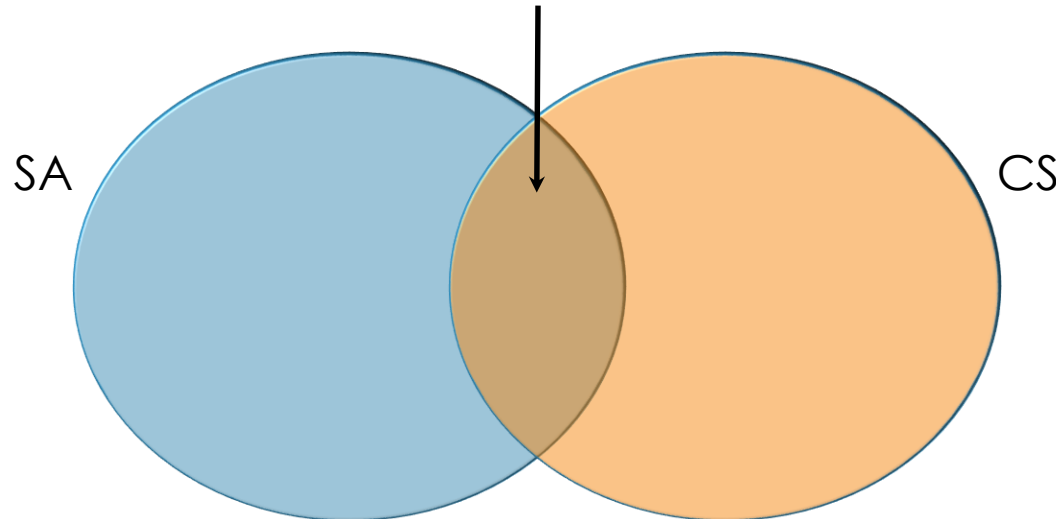
- ▣ No IASP definition
- ▣ *Somatosensory* refers to information about the body per se including visceral organs, rather than information about the external world (e.g., vision, hearing, or olfaction).
- ▣ **Somatosensory amplification (SA)** is a tendency to perceive normal somatic and visceral sensations as being relatively intense, disturbing and noxious. Sensitization also implies that it is an active process that results from various stimuli, eg, trauma. On the other hand, the term sensitivity is a clinical manifestation of sensitization, exemplified by sensitivity or amplification response to various nociceptive, nonnociceptive, and environmental stimuli . (Yunus 2008)
- ▣ “Somatosensory amplification appears to refer to the intensification of perceived external and internal threats to the integrity of the body (“somatic threat amplification”) rather than amplification of perceived or actual bodily events only.” (Köteles & Witthöft, 2017)
- ▣ Central somatosensory nervous system**
- ▣ Peripheral somatosensory nervous system

‘Heightened awareness of and attention to internal sensations and symptoms’

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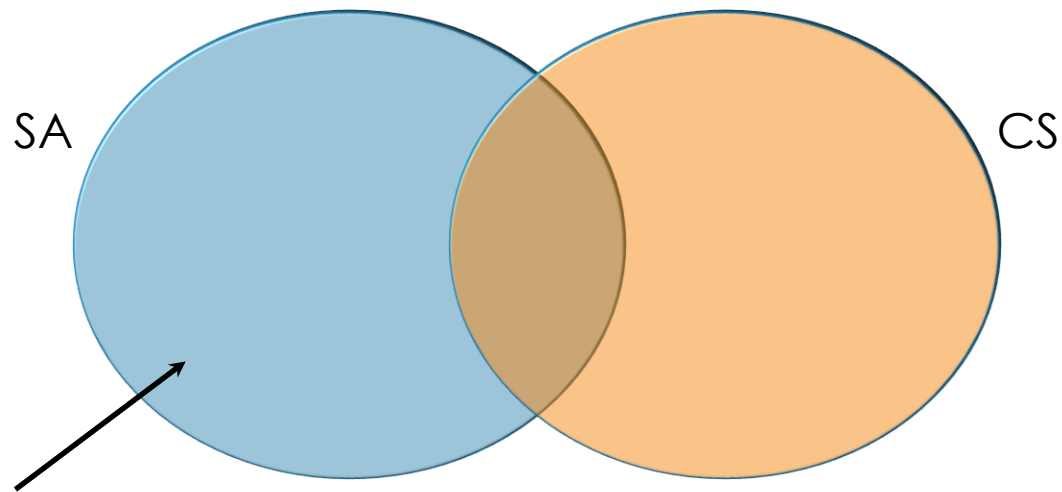
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Central, pain specific somatosensory amplification = CS



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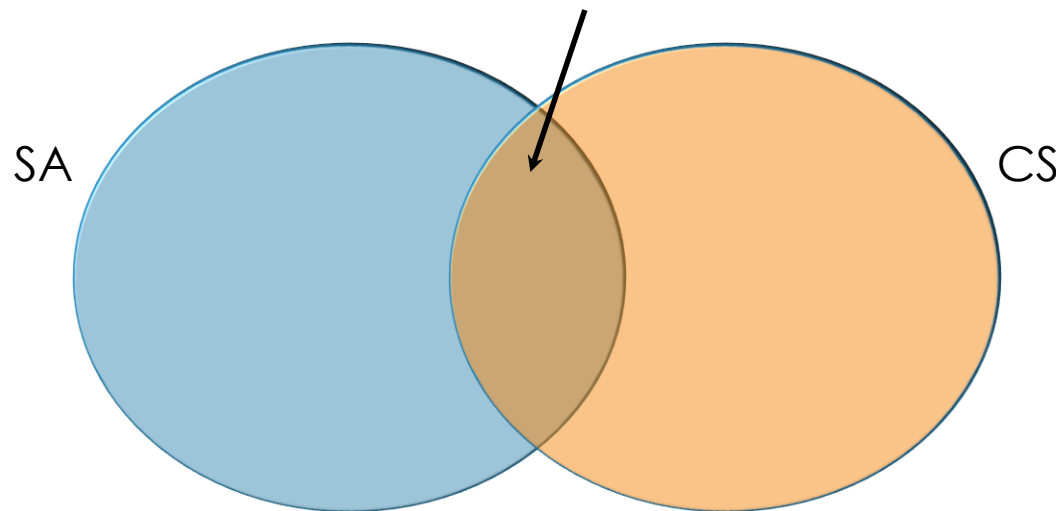
SSAS is associated with objective physiological measurements like EEG
(Nakao et al., 2007)

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Sensory Responsiveness Questionnaire associated with PNP

(Weissman-Fogel et al., 2018)



Sensory Processing Sensitivity (>2K; include pain ~40)

Sensory over-responsiveness; Sensory alteration;

Somatic awareness, Anxious arousal, Somatic arousal

How are GS and CS related?

Systematic Review

What Are the Predictors of Altered Central Pain Modulation in Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain Populations? A Systematic Review

Jacqui Clark, MSc^{1,2,3}, Jo Nijs, PhD^{2,3}, Gillian Yeowell, PhD¹, and Peter Charles Goodwin, PhD¹

Conclusions: Premorbid and acute stage high sensory sensitivity and/or somatization are the strongest predictors of altered central pain modulation in chronic musculoskeletal pain to date. This is

SSA/GSS

- ▣ Factor Analysis
- ▣ Chronic Pelvic Pain (n=424), mixed pain (n=200) and healthy folks (n=415)
- ▣ 18 Somatic Awareness subscale of the Complex Medical Symptom Inventory
- ▣ 4 sensory items from the Sensory Sensitivity subscale
- ▣ Sleep (PROMIS)
- ▣ Depression (HADS)

GSS

Factor 1:

- Broad amplification/ awareness of sensory processes
- Both somatosensory (internal) and external

Factor 2:

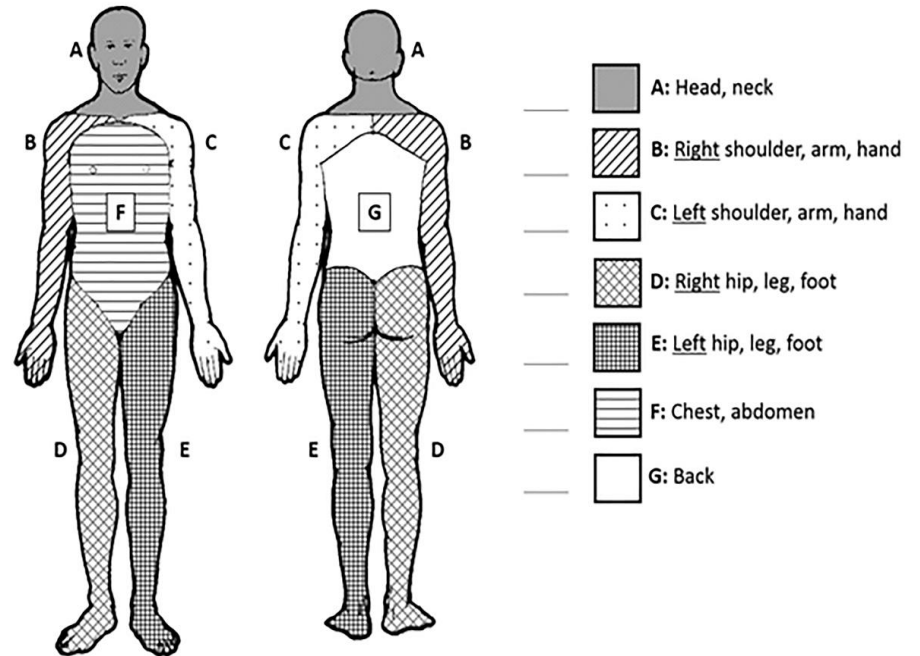
- Severity of clinical pain
- Nonspecific CNS symptoms

| Measure | Factor 1 | Factor 2 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number of pain sites | 0.547 | 0.152 |
| Somatic Awareness | 0.820 | 0.006 |
| Sensory Sensitivity | 0.702 | -0.046 |
| Fatigue | 0.005 | 0.802 |
| Sleep Disturbance | 0.012 | 0.640 |
| Depressive Symptoms | -0.169 | 0.852 |
| Cognitive Dysfunction | 0.009 | 0.599 |
| Pain Severity | -0.067 | 0.468 |
| Factor Correlation: | | .633 |

GSS

■ Brief General Sensory Sensitivity Screen

The body map below is divided into seven regions. Please check each region where you have experienced pain during the last week.



Please read the following list of symptoms. If you have had any of these symptoms for at least three (3) months in the past year, please mark the appropriate box.

Dry mouth

Rapid heartrate

Problems with balance

Sensitivity to certain chemicals, such as perfumes, laundry detergents, gasoline and others

Sensitivity to sound

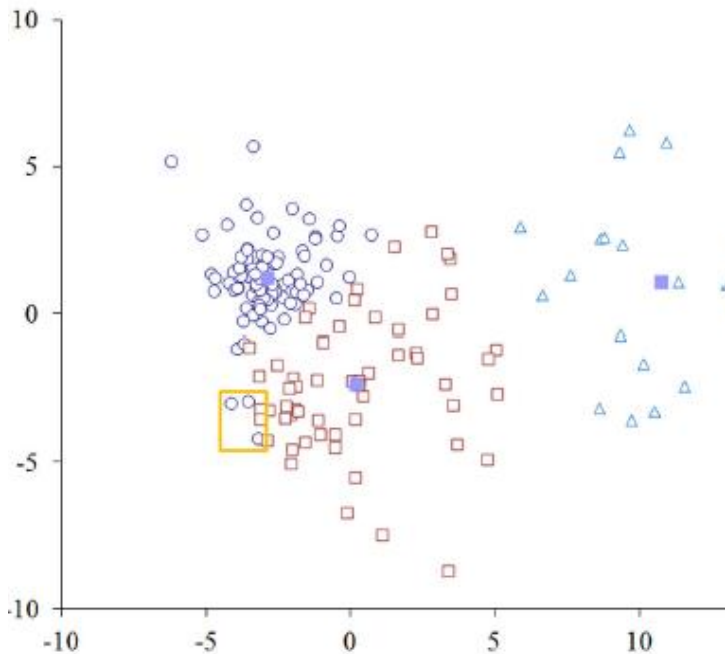
Frequent sensitivity to bright lights

Profiling

Subgrouping of rheumatoid arthritis patients based on pain, fatigue, inflammation and psychosocial factors

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Mostly fatigue and catastrophizing

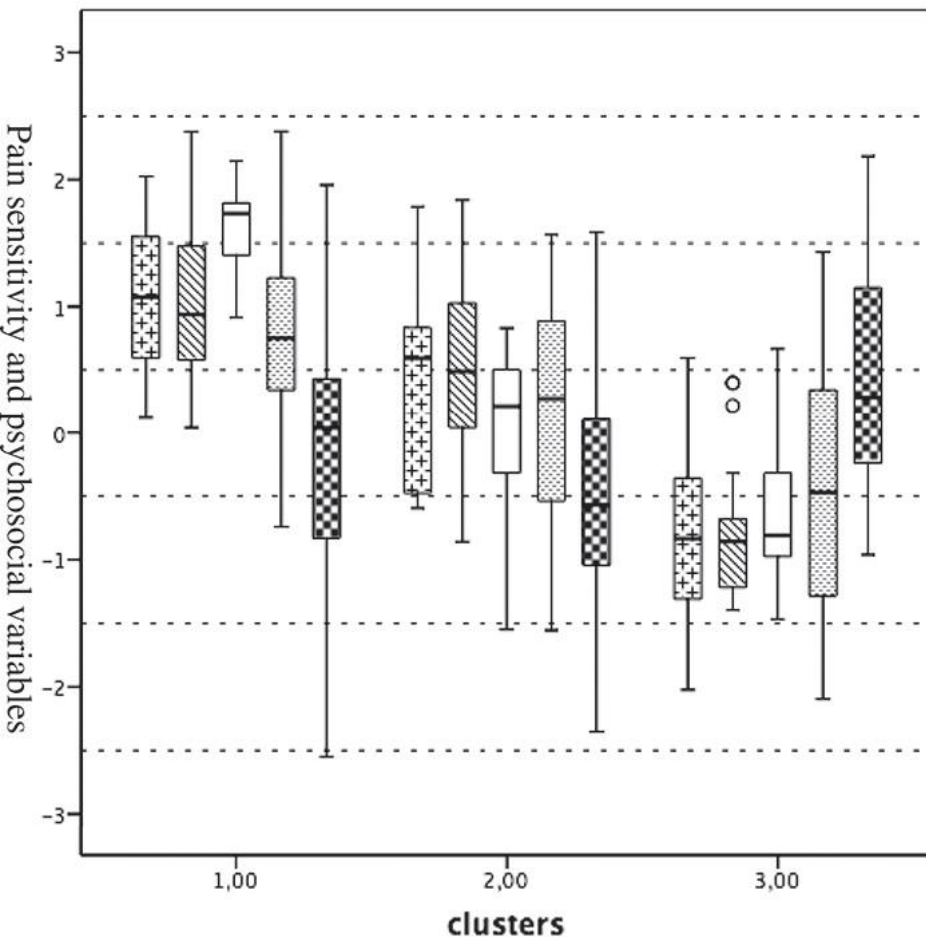


- Cluster 1 Lowest pain, swollen counts and psych issues
- Cluster 2 Lower objective findings, higher WPI and more psych issues
- △ Cluster 3 Higher objective findings, moderate/high psych issues
- Center

| Characteristic | Cluster 1 (N = 89) | Cluster 2 (N = 57) | Cluster 3 (N = 23) | P-value ^b |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Swollen joint count | 0.0 (0.0–1.0) | 2.0 (0.0–4.0) ^c | 12.0 (10.0–14.0) ^{d,e} | <0.0001 |
| BPI pain intensity | 3.0 (2.0–4.0) | 3.0 (2.0–5.0) ^c | 3.0 (2.0–5.0) | 0.03 |
| Fatigue | 20.0 (10.0–30.0) | 70.0 (50.0–80.0) ^c | 60.0 (25.0–80.0) ^d | <0.0001 |
| Sleep problems | 27.2 (16.1–41.1) | 38.3 (27.2–46.7) ^c | 35.6 (17.5–47.8) | 0.009 |
| HADS Depression | 3.0 (1.0–5.0) | 4.0 (1.0–7.0) ^c | 5.0 (2.0–8.0) ^d | 0.004 |
| Illness burden | 1.0 (0.0–3.0) | 2.0 (1.0–3.0) ^c | 1.0 (0.0–2.0) ^e | 0.06 |
| Catastrophizing | 6.0 (1.0–12.0) | 12.0 (5.0–21.0) ^c | 9.0 (3.0–18.0) | <0.0001 |

Mostly swollen joint count

Profiling (general sensitivity)



Cluster subgroups based on overall pressure pain sensitivity and psychosocial factors in chronic musculoskeletal pain: Differences in clinical outcomes

Suzana C Almeida, Steven Z George, Raquel D. V Leite, Anamaria S Oliveira & Thais C Chaves

Cluster 1: High pain sensitivity and high psychosocial distress (n=12)

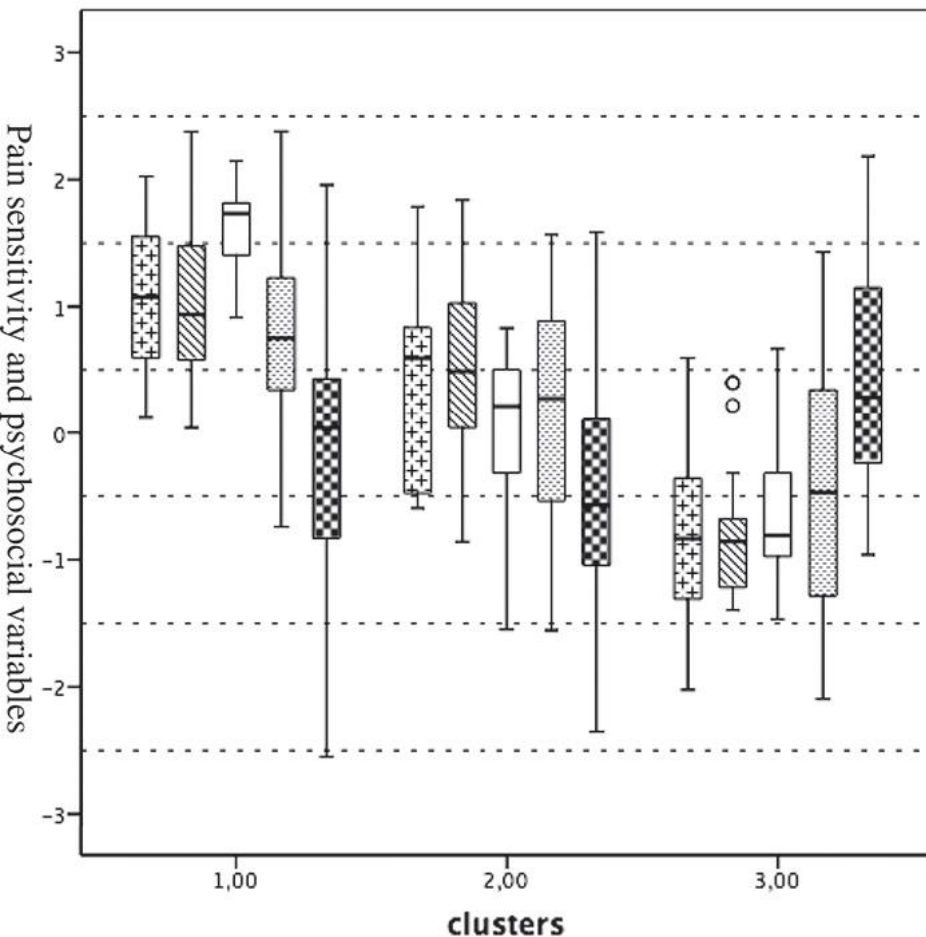
Cluster 2: High pain sensitivity and intermediate psychosocial distress (n=39)

Cluster 3: Low pain sensitivity and low psychosocial distress (n=29)

| PPT anatomical sites |
|----------------------|
| Anterior cervical |
| Upper trapezius |
| Second rib |
| Lateral epicondyle |
| Knee joint interline |
| Suboccipital muscle |
| Supraspinatus muscle |
| Greater trochanter |
| Gluteal |
| Thenar site |

⊕ anxiety
 ▨ depression
 □ catastrophizing
 ▤ kinesiophobia
 ▣ PPT *

Profiling (general sensitivity)



More pain and disability

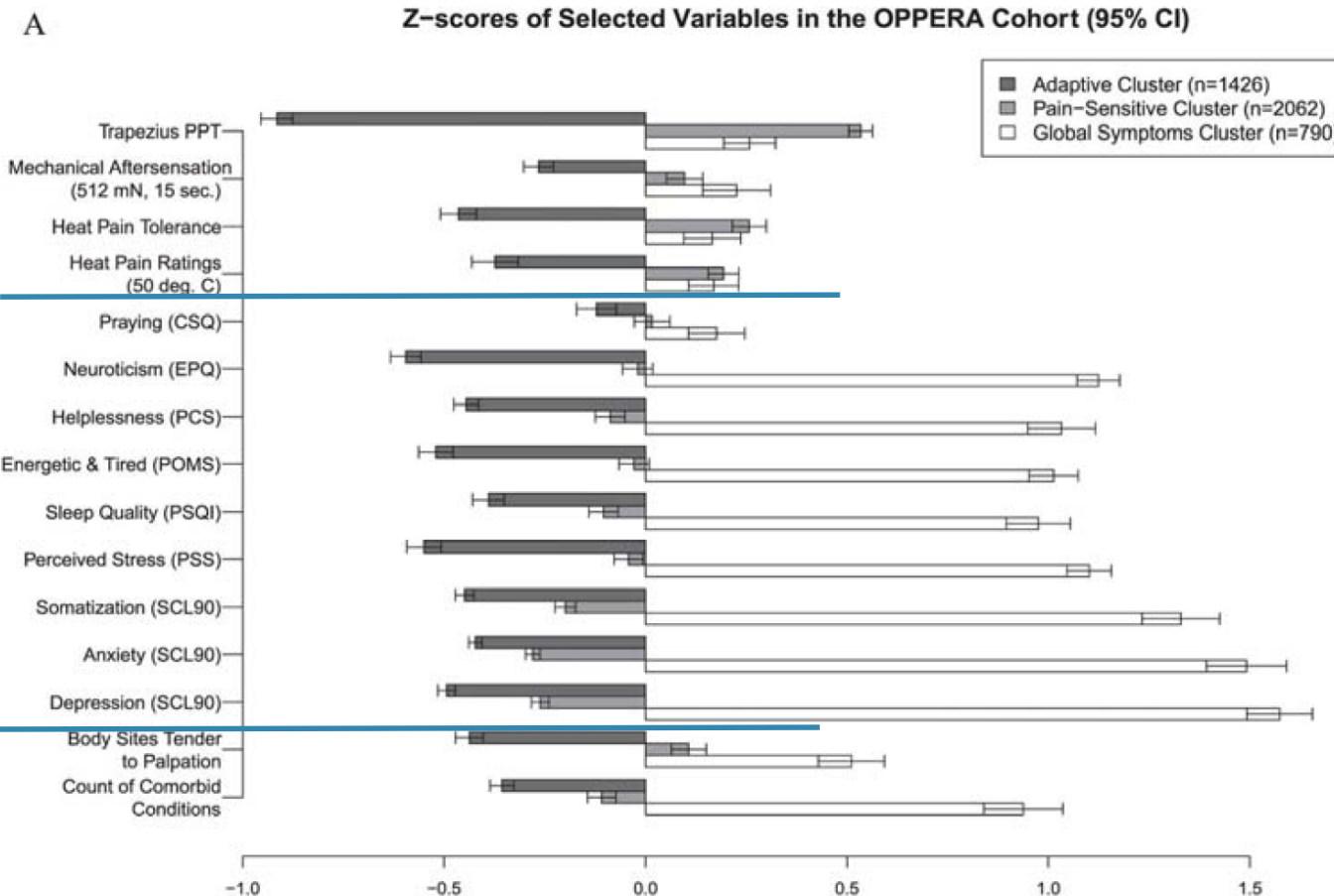
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Identification of clusters of individuals relevant to temporomandibular disorders and other chronic pain conditions: the OPPERA study

Profiling

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Global Symptoms: vastly increased risk and severity of pain and physical/mental dysfunction

Pain-Sensitive: greater sensitivity to exp pain, slightly more psych distress

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A fluffy yellow chick is shown in profile, looking towards a brown egg on the left. A large white speech bubble originates from the chick, containing the text "I was here first!". A series of smaller white circles connects the speech bubble to the egg. The egg has text written on it. The background is black with some scattered feed on the surface.

I was here first!

Pain /
Somatosensory
Amplification +
Psychobehavioral
Distress

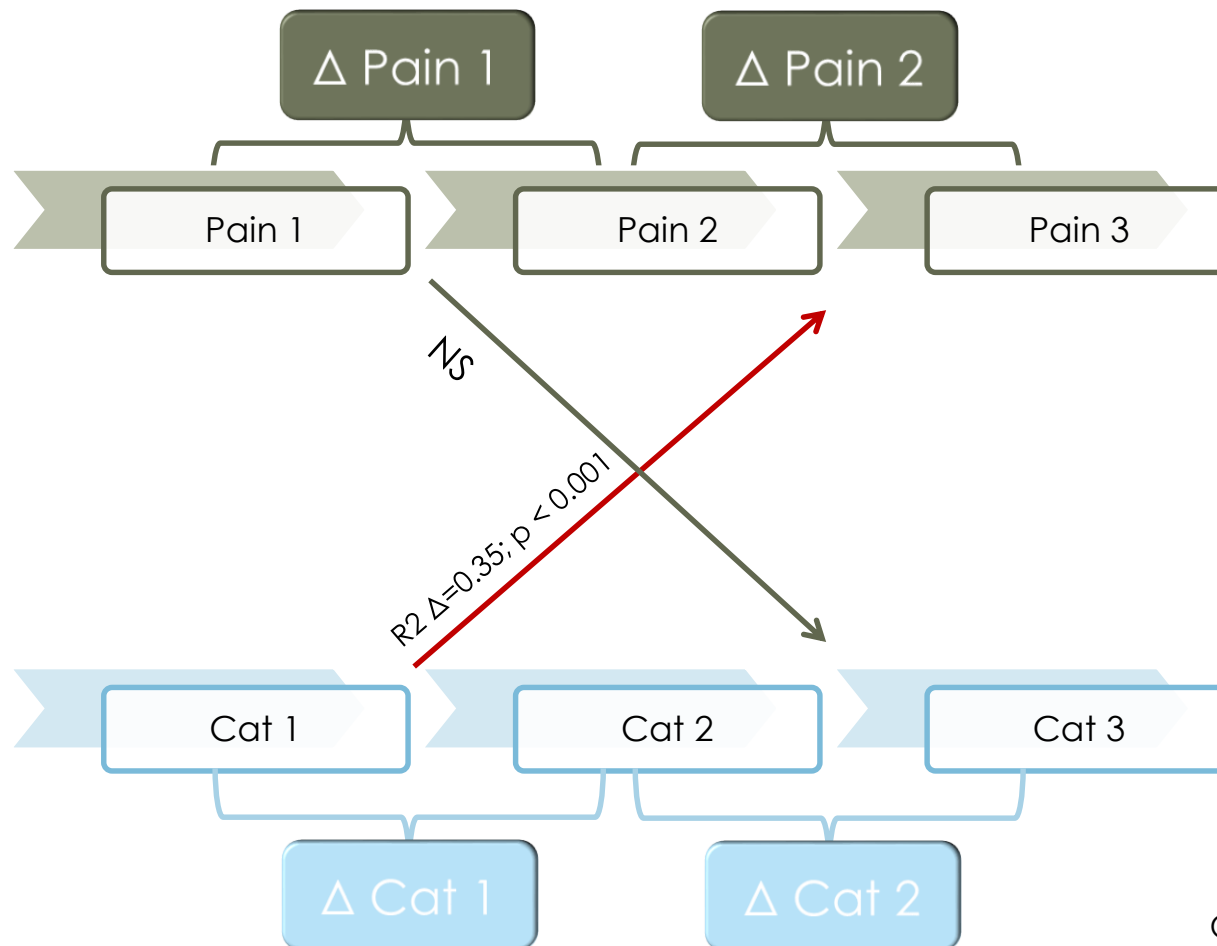
Clinical Pain

Chicken or egg?

- ▣ Psychobehavioral factors contribute to the risk of developing pain and likely aid in maintaining it.
- ▣ OPPERA and other studies *postoperative models* suggest pain amplification is a risk factor for developing pain.
- ▣ Other studies have challenged this and might suggest pain amplification plays a role in maintenance.
 - ▣ *Modify and perpetuate*

Catastrophizing Proceeds Pain

■ Cross-Lagged Panel Design



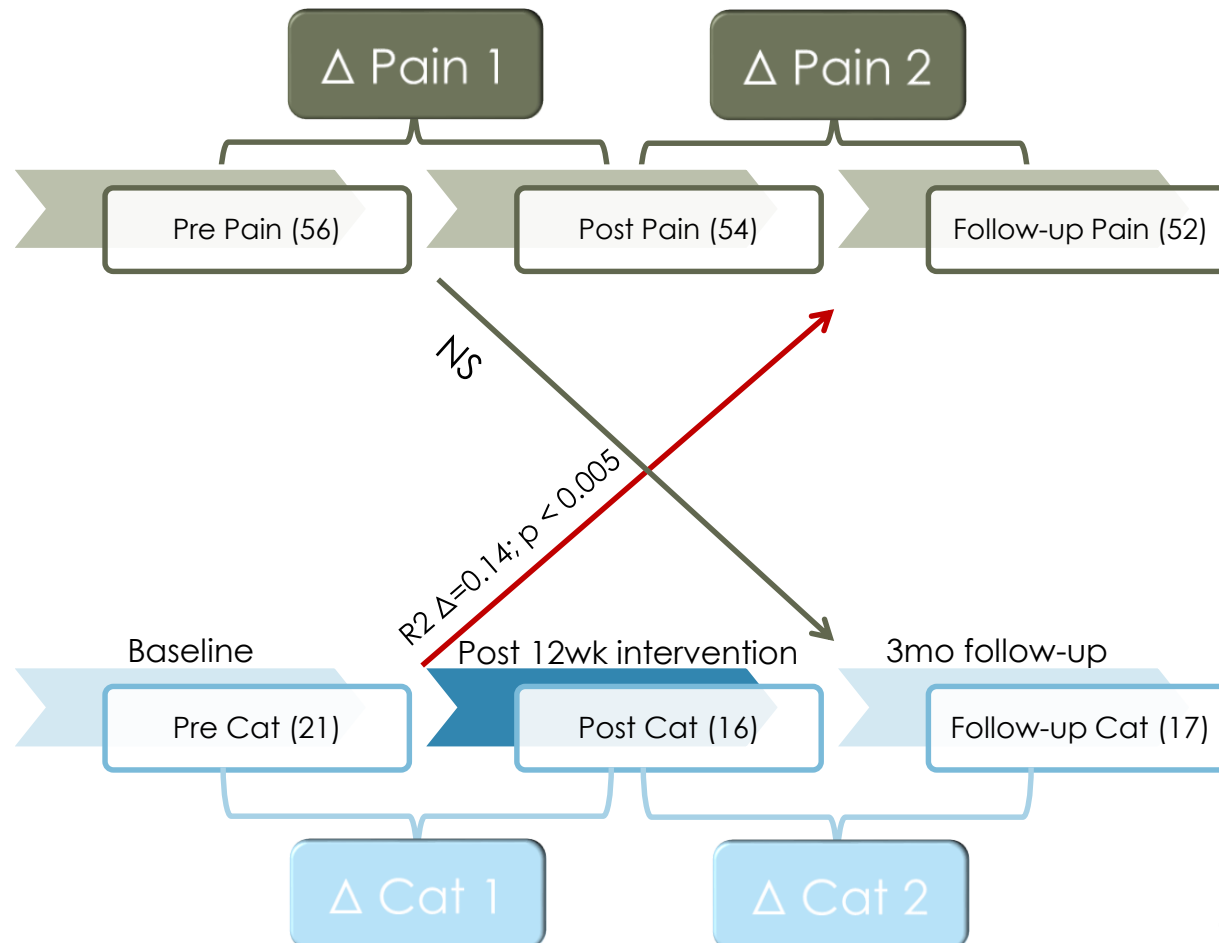
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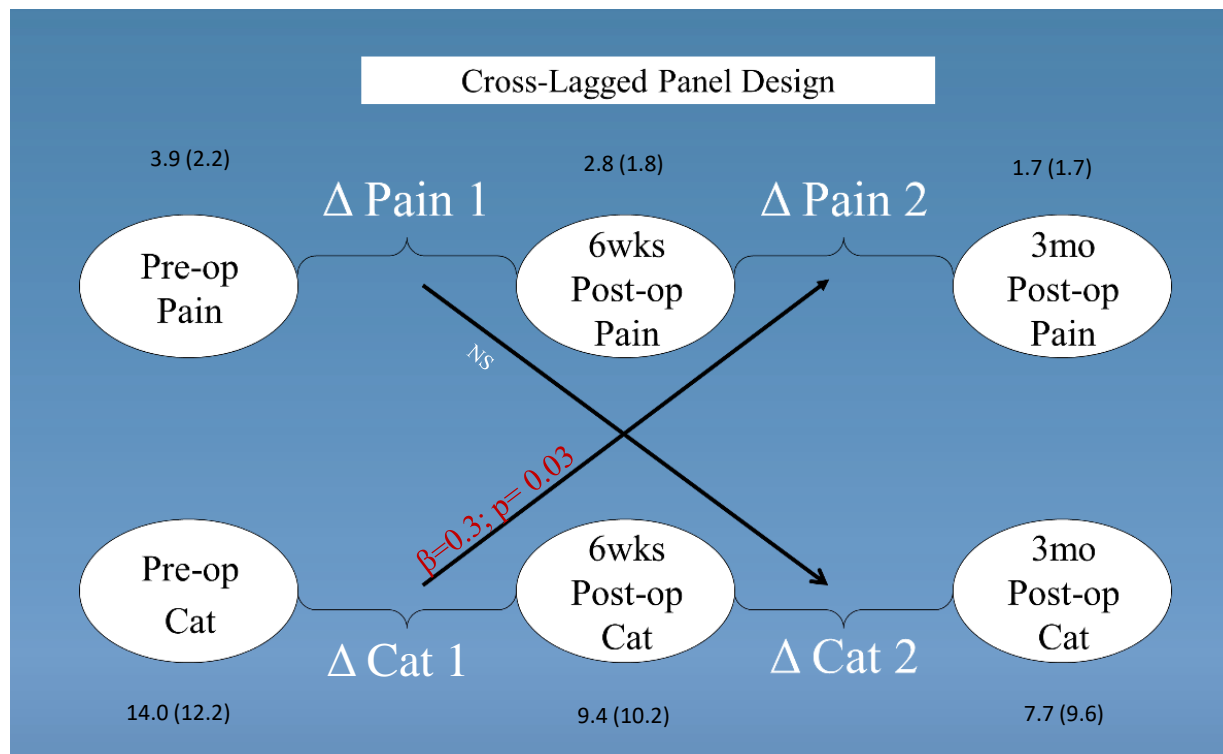
Reduced Catastrophizing Proceeds Reduction in Pain

- FM patients in an exercise clinical trial *



Chicken or egg?

- Reductions in pain catastrophizing proceed reductions in pain following TKR.



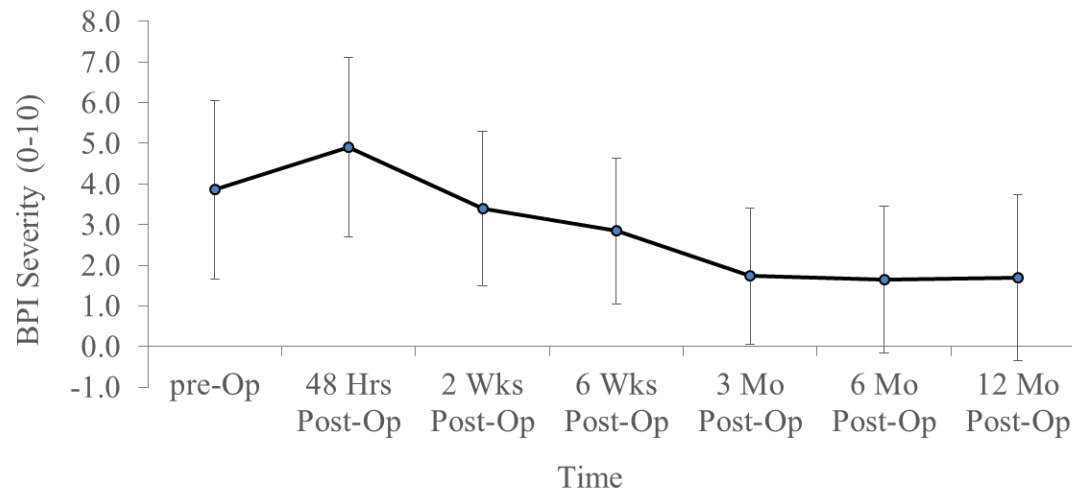
| Variables | PCS (BL) | PCS (6wks Post) | PCS (3mo Post) |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| BPI (BL) | .52** | .09 | .17 |
| BPI (6wks Post) | .33** | .50** | .31** |
| BPI (3mo Post) | .28** | .40** | .43** |

TKA Study: Harvard/Hopkins

| Demographics | Mean (SD) or % (n) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sex (% women) | 60% (144) |
| Race/Ethnicity (%NHW) | 88% (211) * |
| Age | 65.0 (8.2) |

pre-Op 48 Hrs 2 Wks 6 Wks 3 Mo 6 Mo 12 Mo
 Post-Op Post-Op Post-Op Post-Op Post-Op Post-Op

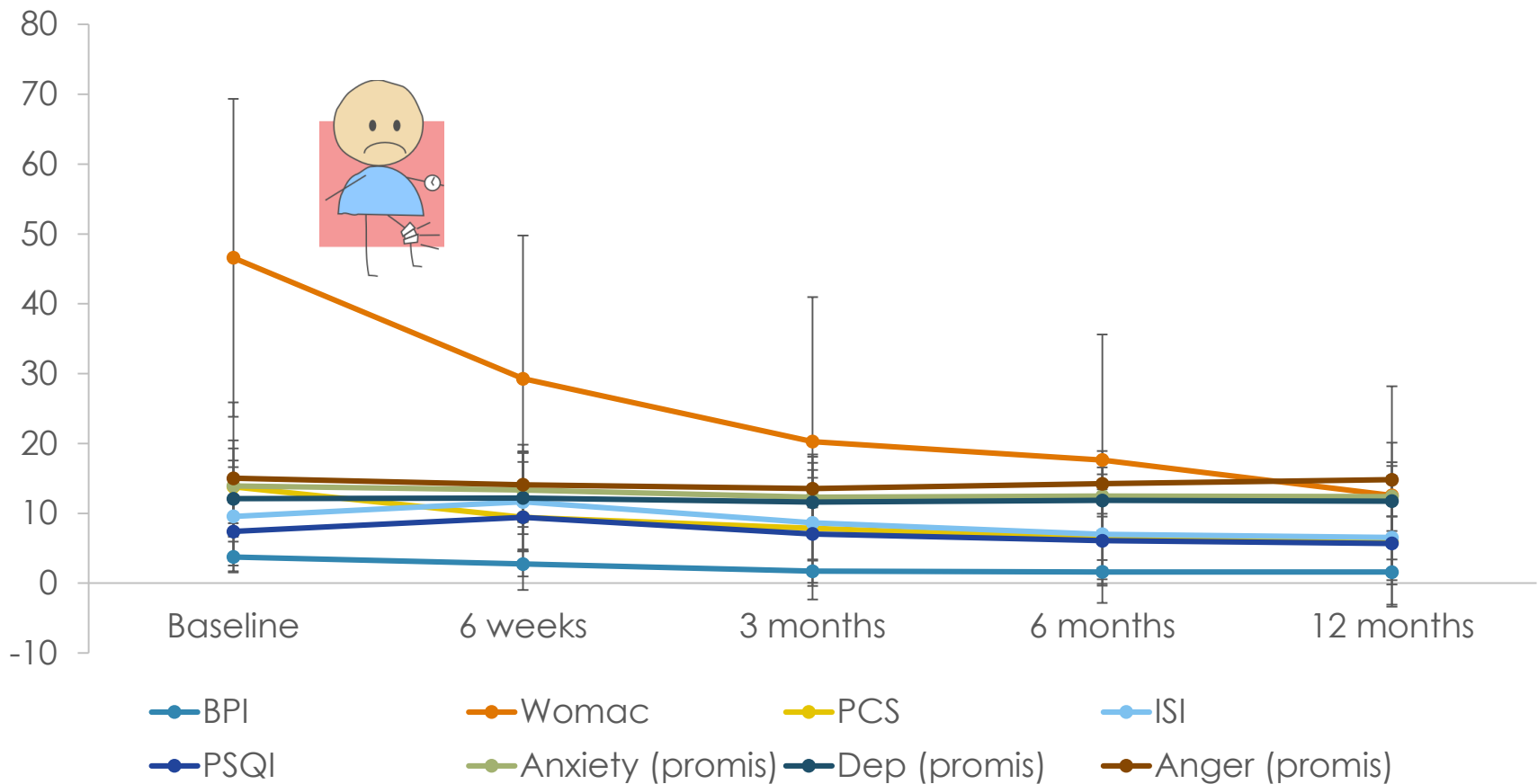
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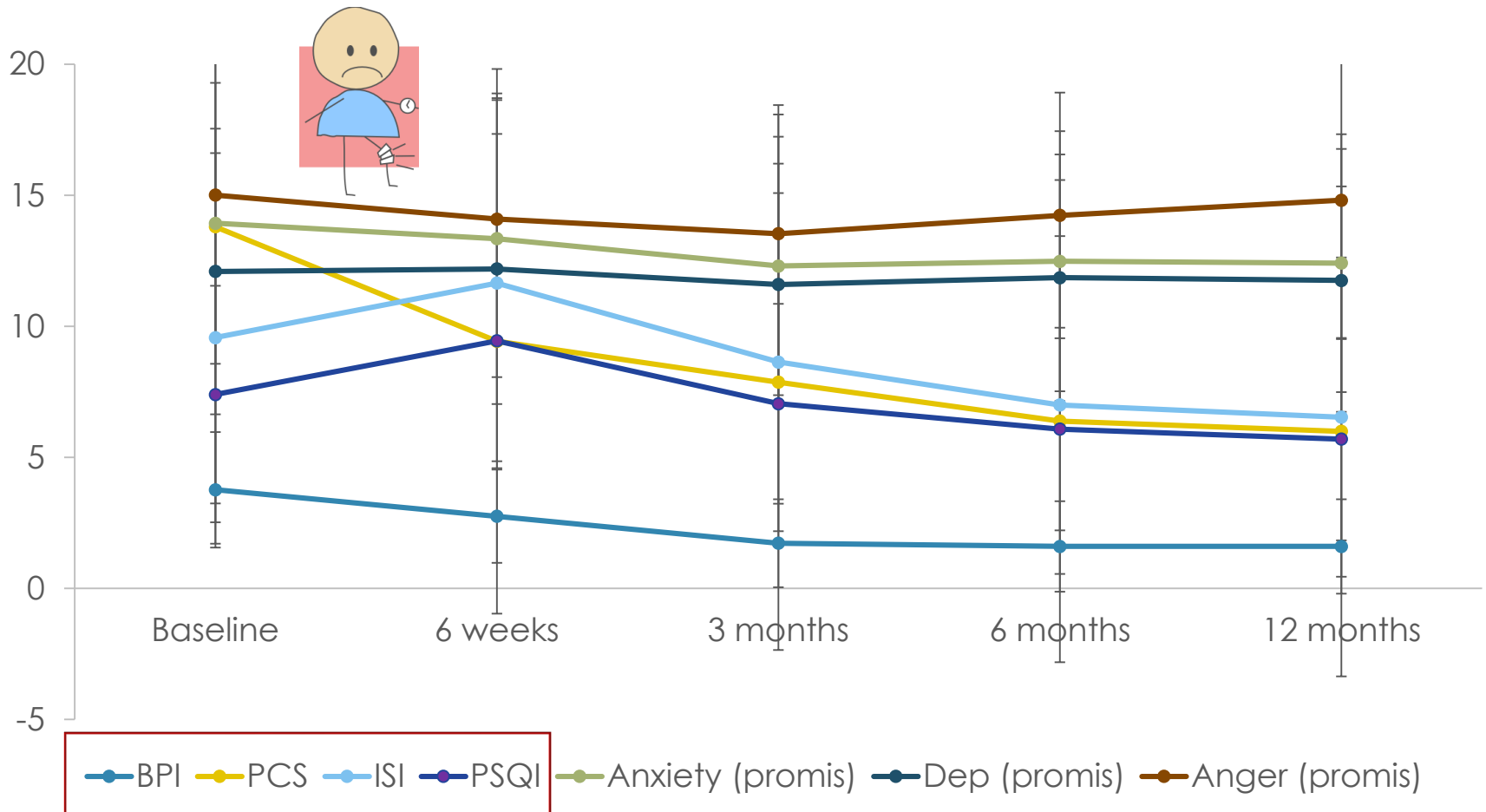
12mo ~25% pain \geq BL

What improves when pain improves?

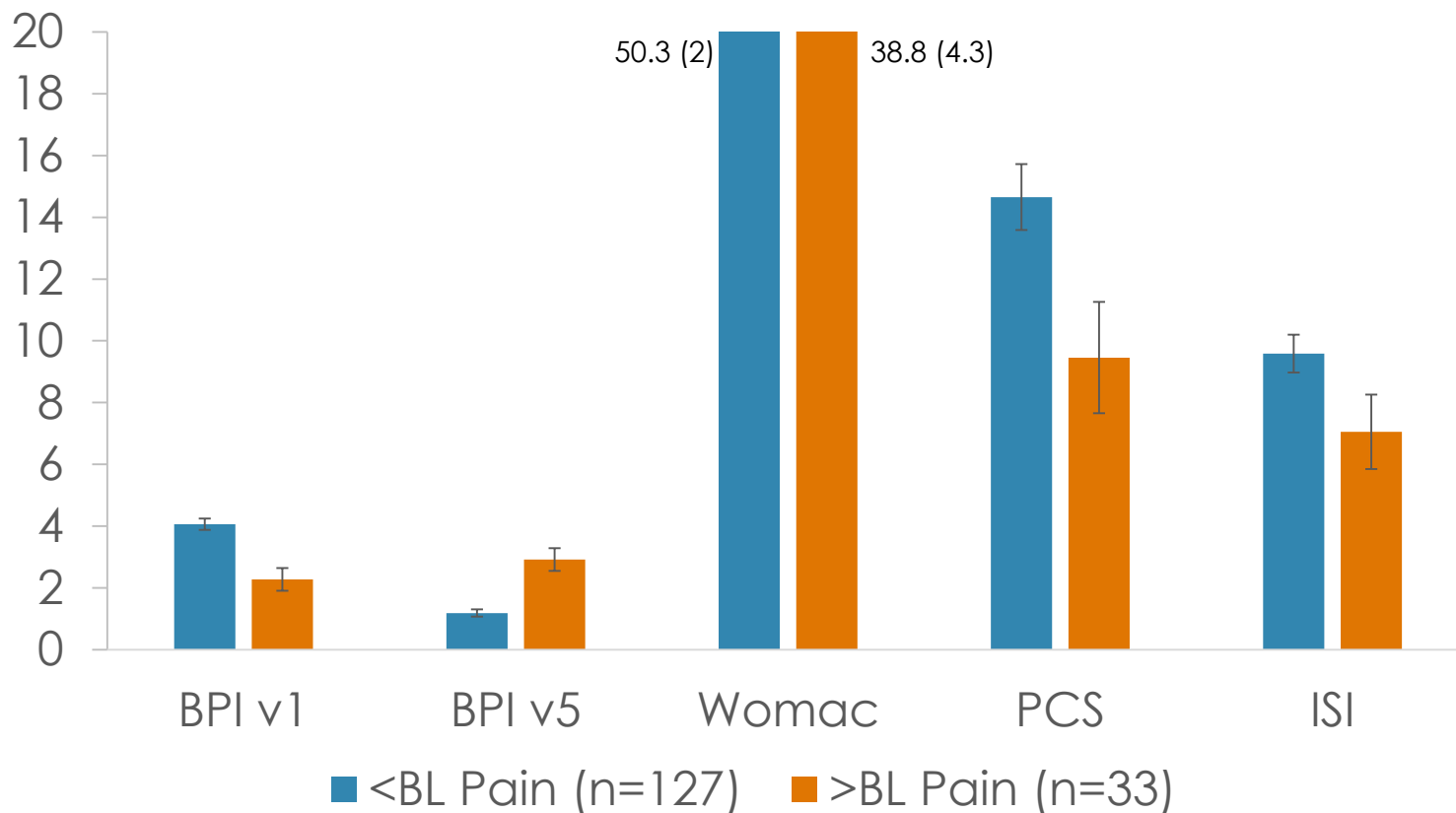
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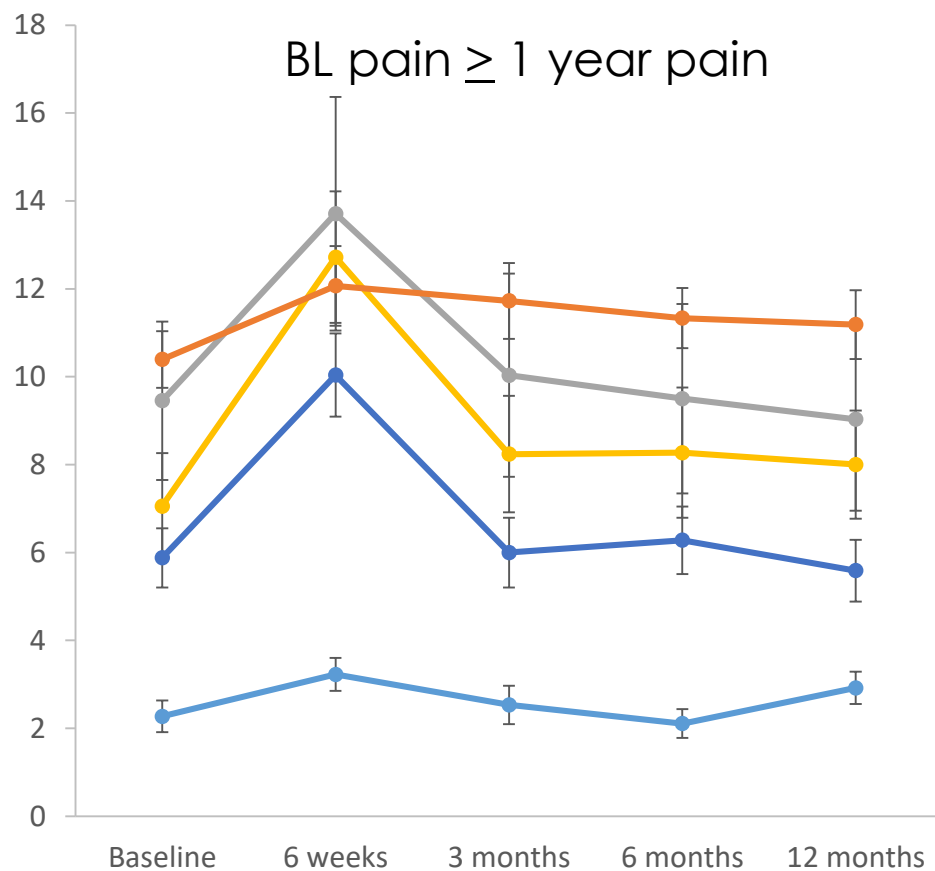
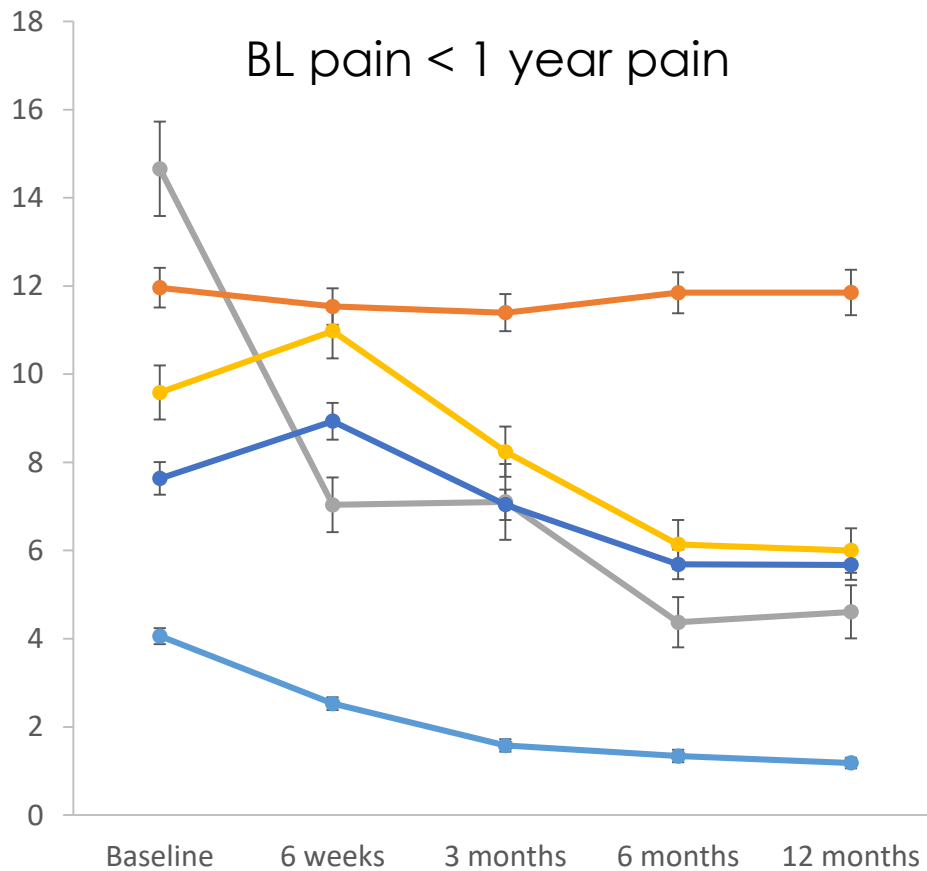


Comparing those whose pain got worse after TKR



Comparing \neq BL pain @ 1 year

—●— BPI —●— PCS —●— ISI —●— PSQI —●— Depression



Chicken and eggs?



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- If you treat the symptoms, will pain improve?

Catastrophizing Interventions

- ▣ Can catastrophizing interventions reduce pain?
- ▣ May reduce secondary hyperalgesia
 - ▣ Healthy people (Salomons et al., 2014)
- ▣ CBT and Lumbar Spinal Fusion
 - ▣ No differences at 1 year, CBT group lower disability at 3mo Post (Rolving et al., 2015)

CBT in Surgical Patients

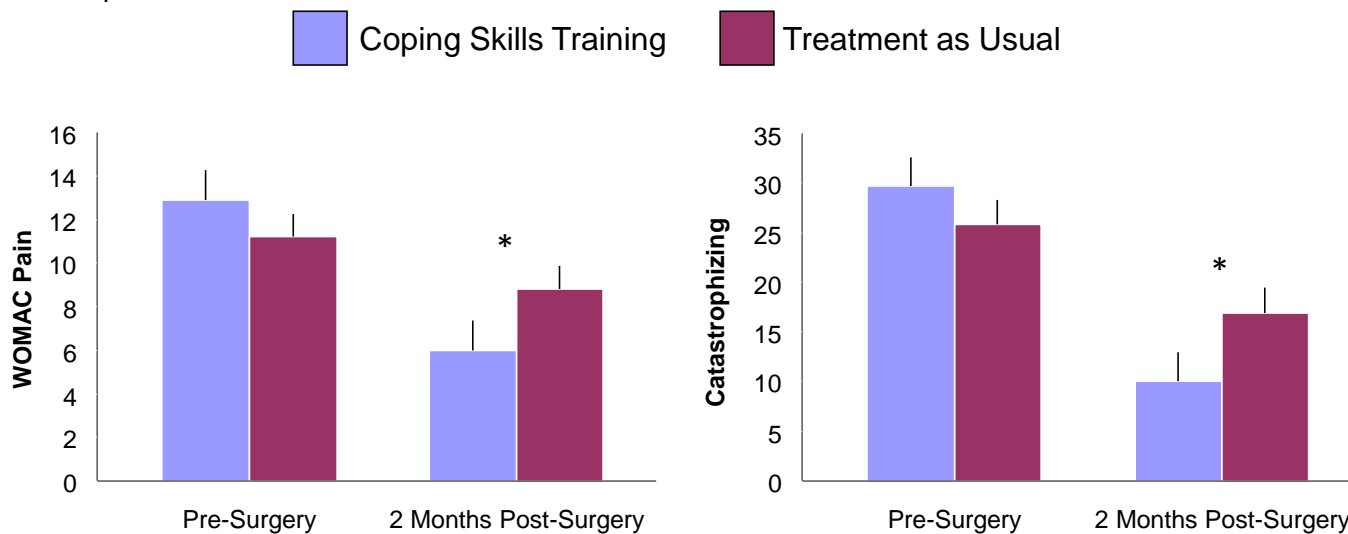
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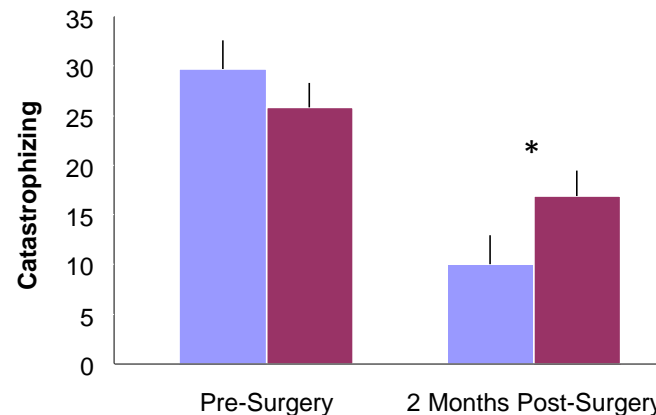
Treatment as Usual

A phase III randomized three-arm trial of physical therapist delivered pain coping skills training for patients with total knee arthroplasty: the KASTPain protocol

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The multisite RCT did not replicate these findings. In 402 patients with high cat, coping skills training did not reduce cat, improve pain or functional outcomes above SOC (Riddle et al., 2019)

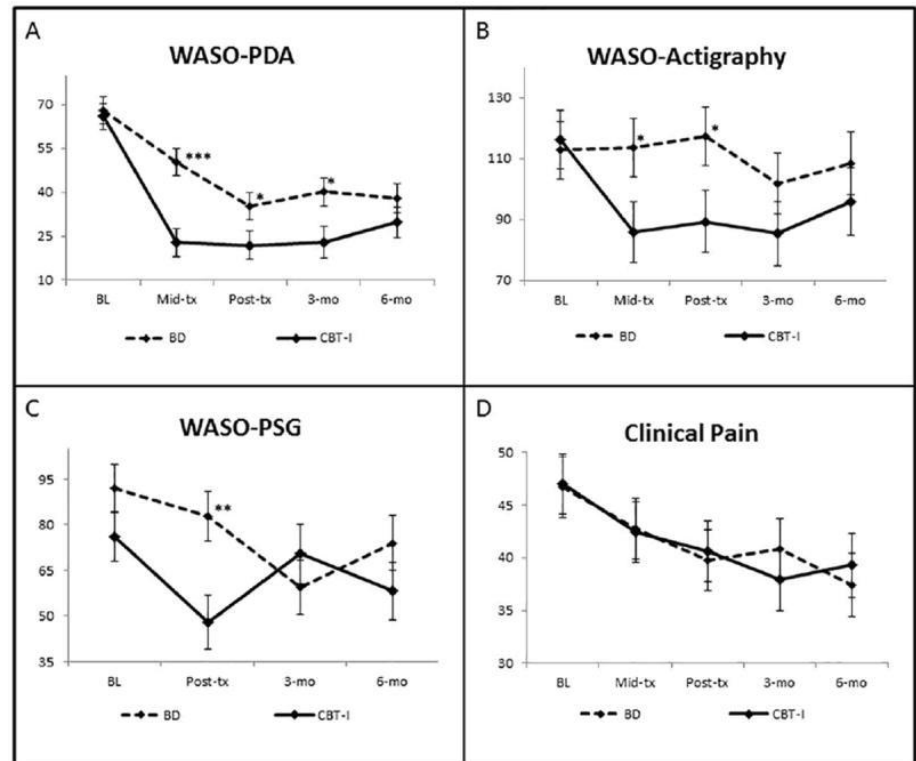
Sleep?

- ▣ Strong bidirectional relationship between sleep and pain.

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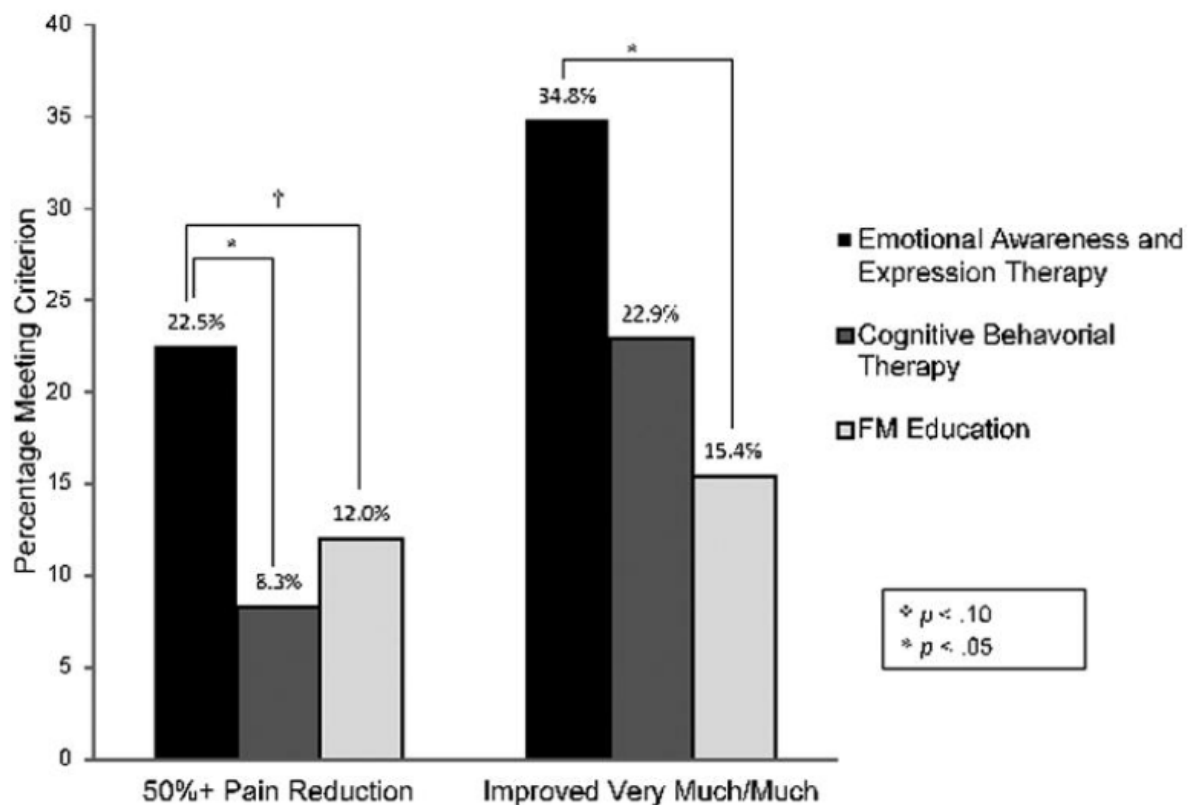
- CBT-I in 100 patients with KOA
- Substantially improved sleep. Reduced pain but not more than behavioral desensitization (control condition)

Smith et al., 2015



Emotional Awareness and Expression Therapy vs. CBT

- No difference between EAET and CBT in pain severity or most other outcomes
- Difference in FM symptoms, WPI and greater prevalence of substantial pain reduction



Implications for SA/CS on treatment

- ▣ Recommend a way to:
 - ▣ Quantify
 - ▣ Consolidate?
 - ▣ Interpret
 - ▣ Make sense of
- ▣ See if they influence treatment?
- ▣ Or are influenced by treatment?
- ▣ Can/Should subgroup based on them?

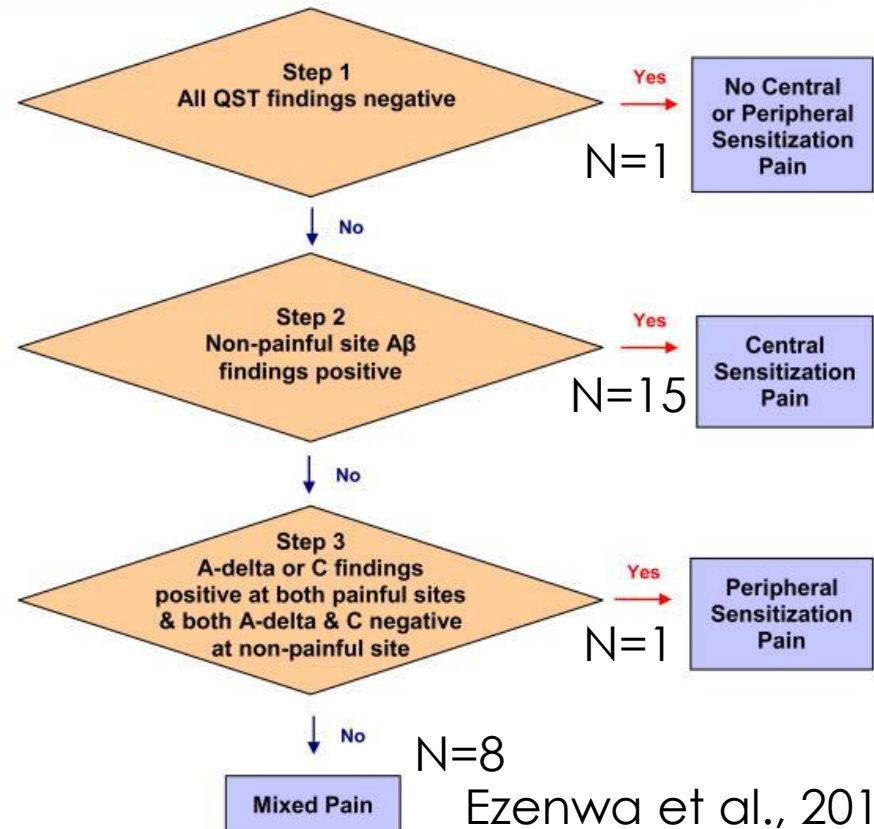
How to quantify?

- ▣ Many sensory, psychological and behavioral measures
- ▣ For QST
 - ▣ QST to areas of pain vs. no pain
 - ▣ Simple grouping of QST responses – cs relevant vs. not
 - ▣ Pain Modulation Profile

Quantifying amplification

- Thermal thresholds on 3 sites
 - 2 painful
 - 1 not painful site
- Compare to norms
- Determine if sensitivity is widespread or localized over painful sites

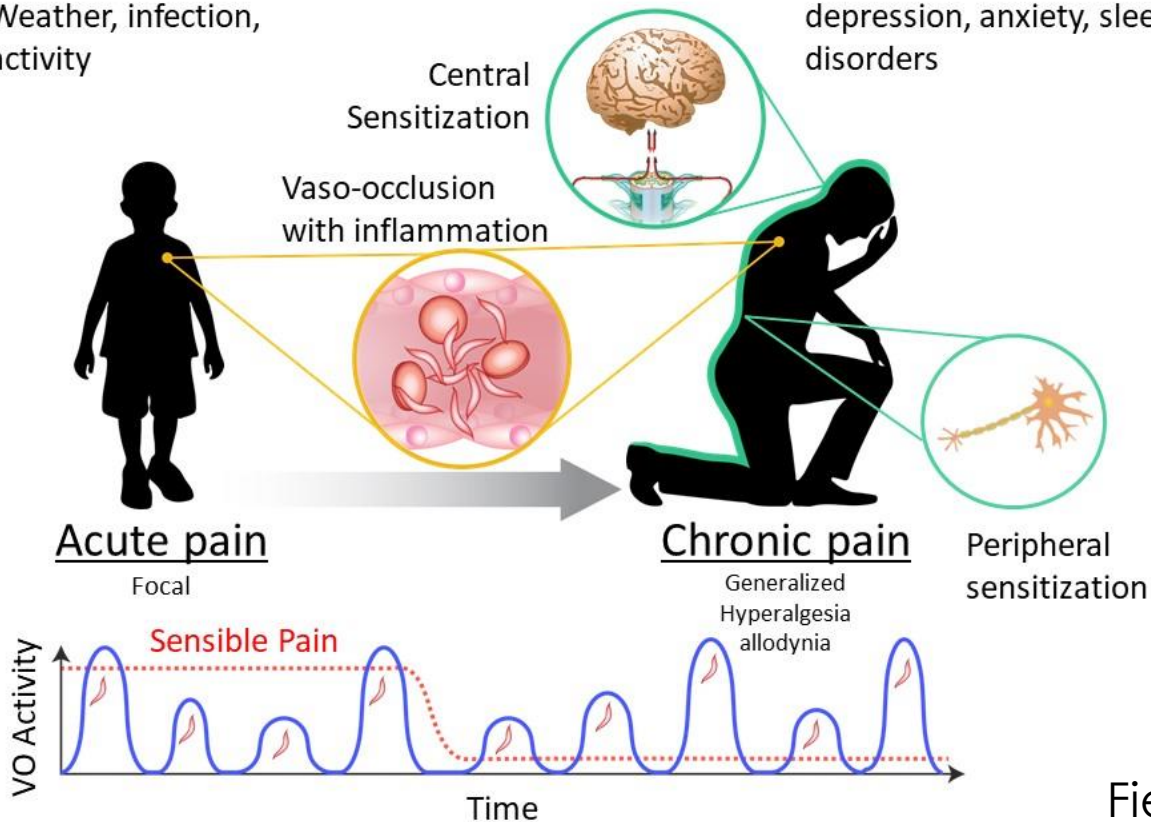
3-Step Decision Tree for Findings from QST Stimuli:
Mechanical (A β fibers), Cold Pain (A-delta fibers), and Heat Pain (C fibers)



Tangent on SCD

Acute pain triggers
For example: stress,
Weather, infection,
activity

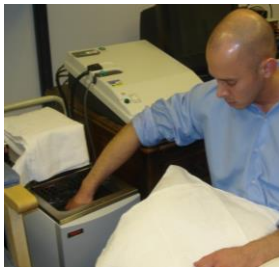
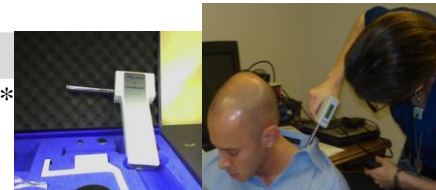
Chronic pain modulators
For example: stress,
depression, anxiety, sleep
disorders



Tangent on SCD



| QST Measures | SCD (n = 83) | Healthy Control (n=27) |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Thermal Pain in °Celsius | | |
| Threshold (HPTh) | 40.7 (2.8) | 41.8 (2.9) |
| Tolerance (HPTo) | 44.0 (2.0) | 46.5 (2.2)*** |
| Pressure Pain Threshold in kilopascals (kPa) | | |
| Trapezius | 246.1 (99.1) | 310.9 (139.9)** |
| Thumb | 301.5 (100.0) | 357.0 (112)* |
| Forearm | 239.5 (102.3) | 279.1 (117.2) |
| Quadriceps | 520.7 (230.0) | 625.5 (252.7)* |
| Thermal Temporal Summation difference scores | | |
| At Heat Pain Threshold | 3.6 (7.2) | 2.2 (5.6) |
| At Threshold + 2°C | 3.8 (8.2) | 4.8 (9.7) |
| At 45°C | 8.0 (14.2) | 1.8 (3.5)* |
| After Sensation Ratings (TTS) | 11.8 (17.3) | 6.4 (11.8) |
| Mechanical Temporal Summation difference scores | | |
| 128 mN (Probe 5) | 12.8 (17.0) | 8.3 (13.2) |
| 256 mN (Probe 6) | 16.9 (19.1) | 10.7 (11.3) |
| Hot Water Hand Immersion Tests | | |
| Temperature of Hot Water (in °Celsius) | 45.2 (1.4) | 48.4 (1.1)*** |
| CPM Difference Trapezius (difference score) | 71.4 (64.3) | 37.6 (68.9)* |
| Hot Water Pain Ratings (0-100) | 56.0 (26.3) | 74.4 (19.1)*** |
| Hot Water Tolerance (in seconds) | 47.3(32.4) | 32.3 (28.2)* |
| After Sensation Ratings (hot water; 0-100) | 8.7 (12.8) | 17.5 (19.9)** |



*(p<.05), **(p<.01). Measures are reported as mean (SD). Difference Scores represent the maximal rated pulse (for Thermal Temporal Summation) or following the train of 10 stimuli (for Mechanical Temporal Summation) of the series minus first pulse of the series. CPM: Conditioned Pain Modulation. CPM Difference represents pressure pain thresholds at the trapezius obtained during water immersion of the hand minus baseline trapezius pressure pain thresholds.

Quantifying amplification

- ▣ Created a high CS group and a low CS group
- ▣ Based on:
 - ▣ Temporal summation
 - ▣ Thermal @ two different temperatures
 - ▣ Mechanical
 - ▣ After sensations
- ▣ Values were standardized
- ▣ SCD Z values > 1std dev above the healthy control mean counted for each task
- ▣ Those that had >1 std dev on $\geq 2/4$ tasks were deemed 'High CS'

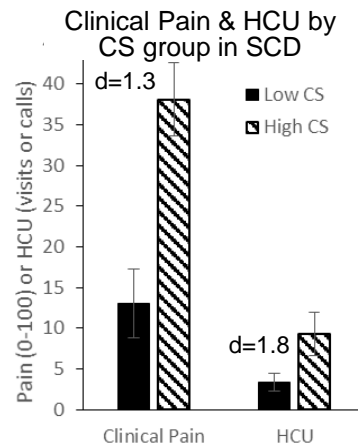
In SCD amplification associated with...

| Clinical Variables | Low CS N=17 | High CS N=21 | p value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Body Mass Index | 24.5 (3.2) | 27.4 (4.6) | 0.04* |
| Systolic Blood Pressure | 112.6 (11.0) | 116.0 (14.9) | 0.44 |
| Diastolic Blood Pressure | 69.8 (10.2) | 70.5 (10.6) | 0.83 |
| Heart Rate | 80.3 (11.0) | 80.5 (13.1) | 0.95 |
| Nicotine Use (smoking) | 0% (0) | 28.6% (6) | 0.42 |
| Genotype | | | |
| SS | 70.6% (12) | 57.1% (12) | 0.47 |
| S-Beta zero | 5.9% (1) | 9.5% (2) | |
| SC | 17.6% (3) | 33.3% (7) | |
| Unknown | 5.9% (1) | 0% (0) | |
| History of Acute Chest Syndrome | 41.2% (7) | 42.9% (9) | 0.59 |
| Presence of Avascular Necrosis | 29.4% (5) | 33.3% (7) | 0.54 |
| Taking Hydroxyurea | 35.3% (6) | 19.0% (4) | - |
| Taking long-acting opioids | 17.6% (3) | 57.1% (12) | 0.013* |
| Taking short-acting opioids | 52.9% (9) | 85.7% (18) | 0.027* |

No Other Demographic Differences

In SCD amplification associated with...

| Clinical Pain Variables | Low CS (n=17) | High CS (n=21) | p value |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Pain | | | |
| Pain Severity (BPI) | 0.9 (1.3) | 2.8 (1.8) | 0.001*** |
| Interference (BPI –Extended) | 1.5 (2.7) | 3.1 (2.4) | 0.06 |
| <u>Pain from PDA (0-100; average over 3 months)</u> | | | |
| | n=16 | n=20 | |
| Proportion of PDA's completed (total completed days/total possible days) | 0.78 (0.2) | 0.76 (0.3) | 0.80 |
| Non-Crisis Pain | | | |
| VOC Pain | 8.8 (14.5) | 26.1 (20.5) | 0.008** |
| Average Number of days reporting VOC | 0.09 (0.1) | 0.23 (0.2) | 0.044* |
| Average length of Crises | 0.8 (1.1) | 1.5 (1.0) | 0.045* |
| Number of calls to providers | 1.8 (3.0) | 4.5 (6.0) | 0.11 |
| Number of medical visits | 1.6 (1.8) | 4.9 (6.1) | 0.05 |
| Number of Crises | 5.4 (9.2) | 12.3 (12.7) | 0.08 |



Clinical pain, some aspects of VOCs and healthcare utilization differ by group

In SCD amplification associated with...

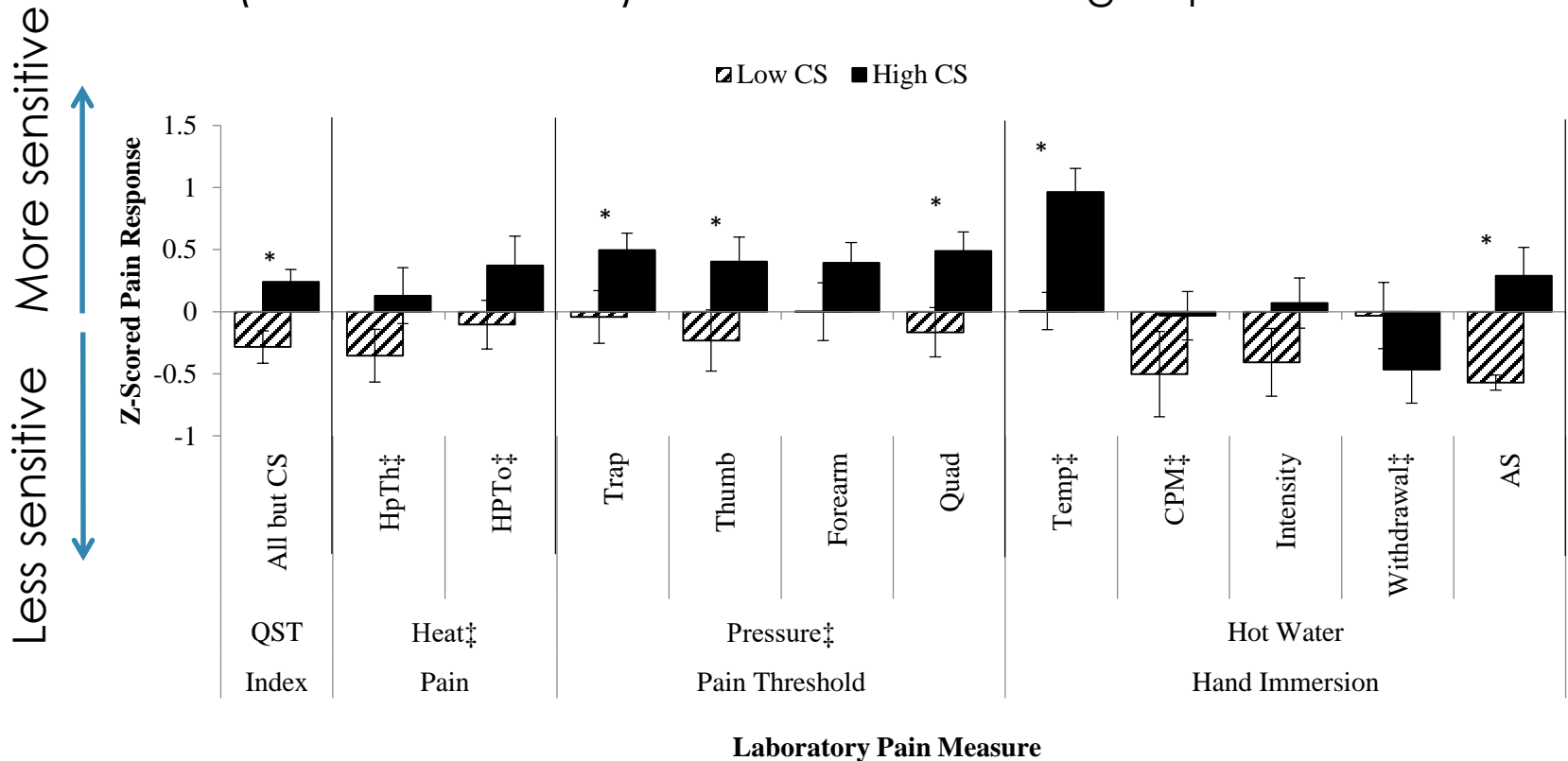
| Psychosocial Variables | Low CS | High CS | p value |
|--|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <u>From Monthly Calls (average over 12 mo)</u> | <u>n=13</u> | <u>n=18</u> | |
| Catastrophizing | 4.8 (4.7) | 17.1 (12.5) | 0.002** |
| Positive Affect | 7.2 (1.5) | 5.8 (1.4) | 0.014* |
| Negative Affect | 2.6 (1.7) | 4.1 (1.8) | 0.026* |

In SCD amplification associated with...

| Sleep Variables | Low CS (n=17) | High CS (n=21) | p value |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <u>PSQI Components</u> | | | |
| 1. Subjective Sleep Quality | 0.8 (0.5) | 1.5 (0.8) | 0.007** |
| 2. Sleep Latency | 0.9 (0.9) | 1.8 (1.1) | 0.01* |
| 3. Sleep Duration | 0.5 (0.7) | 1.3 (1.2) | 0.01* |
| 4. Habitual Sleep Efficiency | 2.6 (1.0) | 2.0 (1.3) | 0.10 |
| 5. Sleep Disturbance | 1.4 (0.7) | 2.0 (0.7) | 0.006** |
| 6. Use of Sleep Medications | 0.1 (0.3) | 1.0 (1.2) | 0.007** |
| 7. Daytime Dysfunction | 0.9 (0.7) | 1.3 (0.9) | 0.14 |
| Global Score | 7.1 (3.1) | 10.9 (4.0) | 0.003** |
| ISI | 5.4 (6.1) | 12.5 (8.2) | 0.005** |
| <u>Sleep from PDA† (average over 3 months)</u> | | | |
| Sleep Efficiency (%) | 89.6% (6.7) | 77.1% (17.7) | 0.011* |
| Wake After Sleep Onset (in minutes) | 17.5 (24.3) | 35.6 (29.5) | 0.057 |
| Sleep Onset Latency (in minutes) | 16.8 (12.9) | 37.4 (25.1) | 0.005** |
| Sleep Duration (in hours) | 7.2 (1.2) | 7.9 (3.7) | 0.53 |
| <u>From Weekly Calls (average over 3 months)</u> | | | |
| Sleep Continuity Disturbance | 0.9 (.9) | 1.9 (1.3) | 0.029* |
| Sleep Duration | 6.7 (0.9) | 6.2 (1.5) | 0.34 |
| <u>From Monthly calls (averaged over 12 months)</u> | | | |
| Sleep Continuity Disturbance | 1.1 (0.9) | 2.2 (1.0) | 0.006** |
| Sleep Duration | 6.5 (1.2) | 5.7 (1.1) | 0.068 |

In SCD amplification associated with...

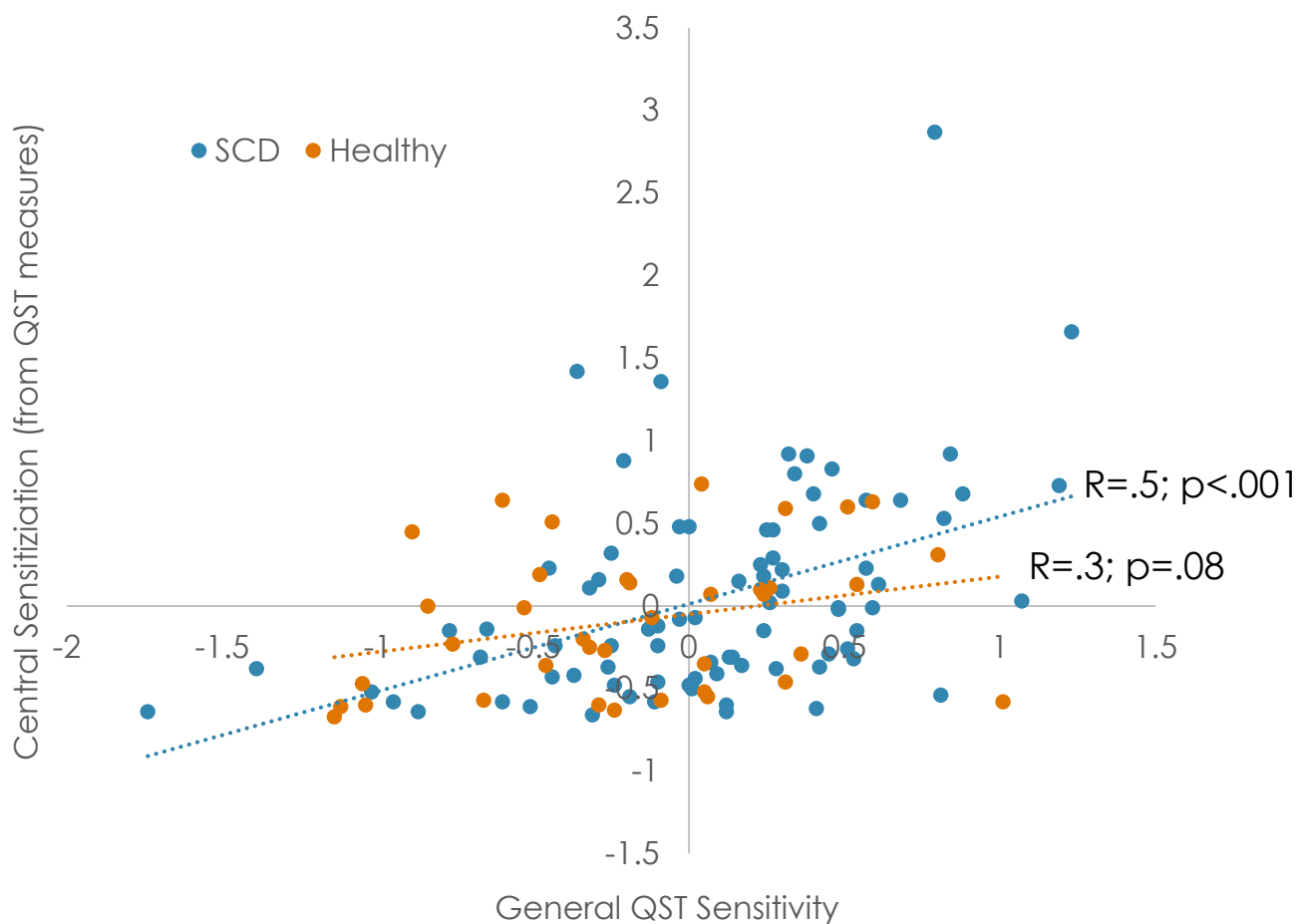
Pain (non CS variables) also differ between groups



Quantifying Amplification

- ▣ “Simple” grouping by QST responses
 - ▣ Not so simple
- ▣ Should we only be assessing CS-related measures?
 - ▣ TS
 - ▣ AS
 - ▣ CPM
- ▣ Value in being able to show there isn't widespread/peripheral somatosensory amplification?

Correlation between GS and CS



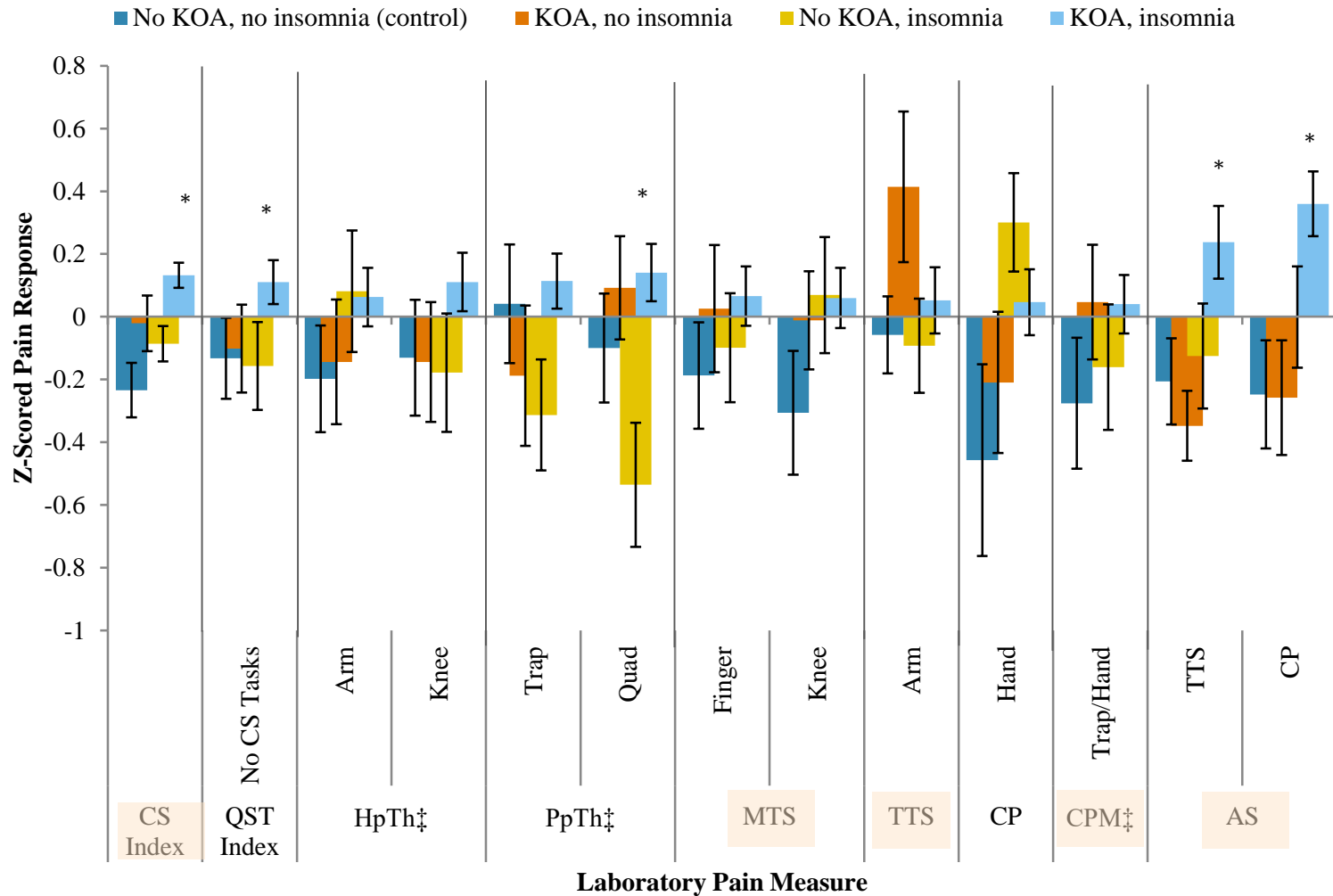
Tangent on SCD

| Outcome | No Chronic Opioids Mean (SD) | Chronic Opioid Therapy Mean (SD) | Controlling for Depression | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------|
| | | | Beta | F |
| Laboratory Indices | | | | |
| CS Index | -0.10 (0.4) | 0.34 (0.8)** | 0.33 | 6.0** |
| QST Index | 0.08 (0.5) | 0.02 (0.6) | -0.09 | 0.4 |
| Diary Indices | | | | |
| Non-Crisis Pain | 10.3 (14.1) | 34.5 (15.7)*** | 0.50 | 21.9*** |
| Proportion of Days in VOC | 11.9% (16.4) | 29.0% (26.3)** | 0.30 | 7.3* |
| Crisis Pain | 41.0 (21.0) | 60.6 (11.4)*** | 0.40 | 8.9** |

Something special about these more 'CS' measures than simple somatosensory amplification

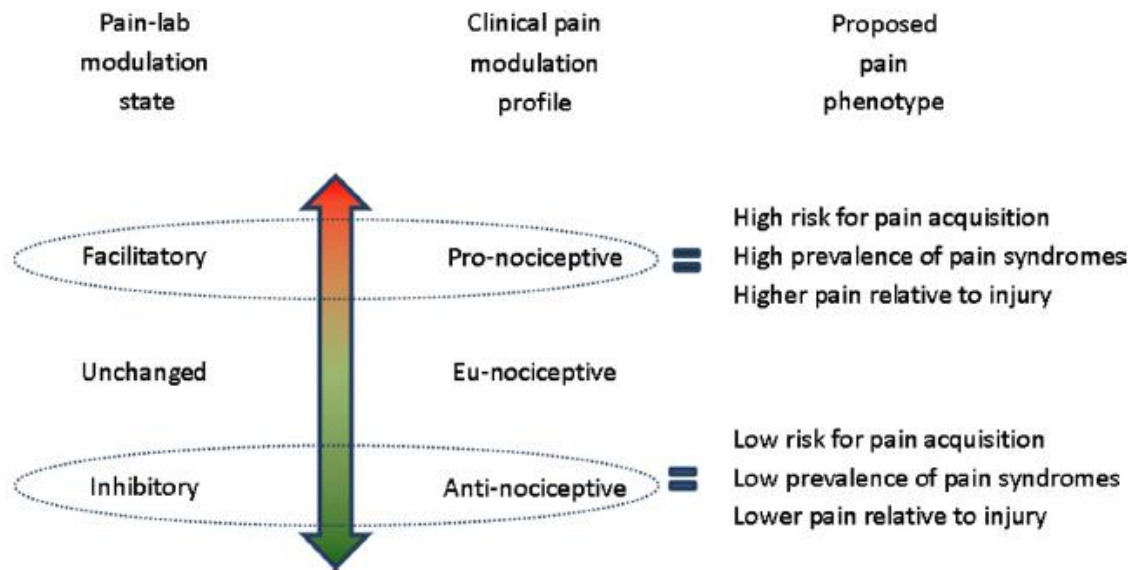
Quantifying Amplification

Less sensitive \longleftrightarrow More sensitive



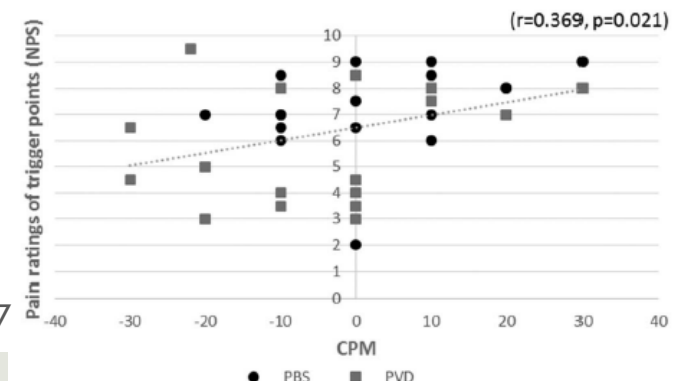
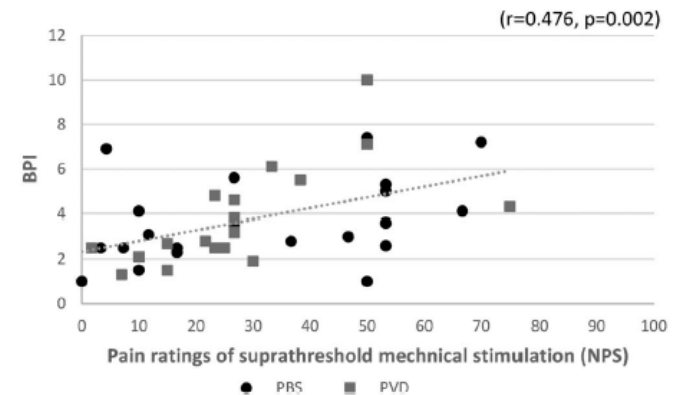
Quantifying Amplification

□ Pain Modulation Profile



Pain modulation profile and pain therapy: Between pro- and antinociception

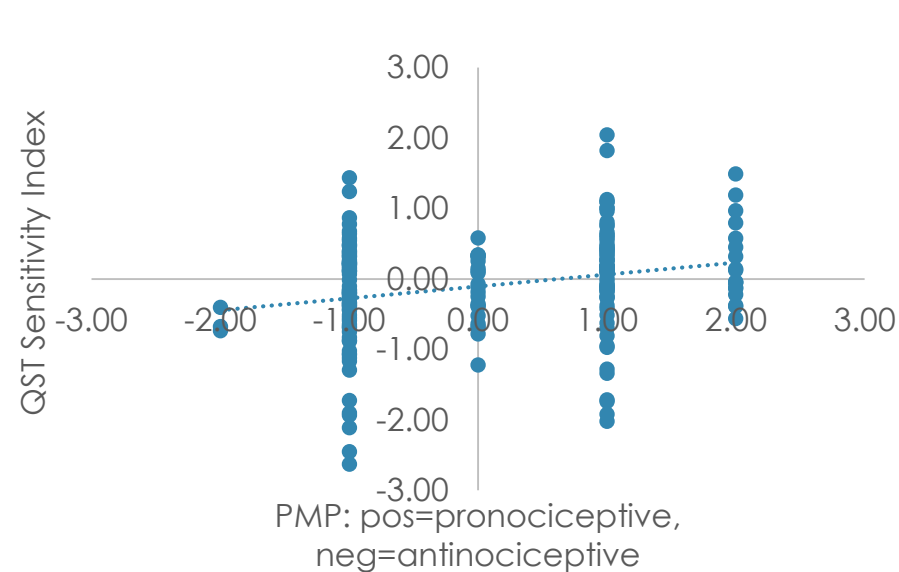
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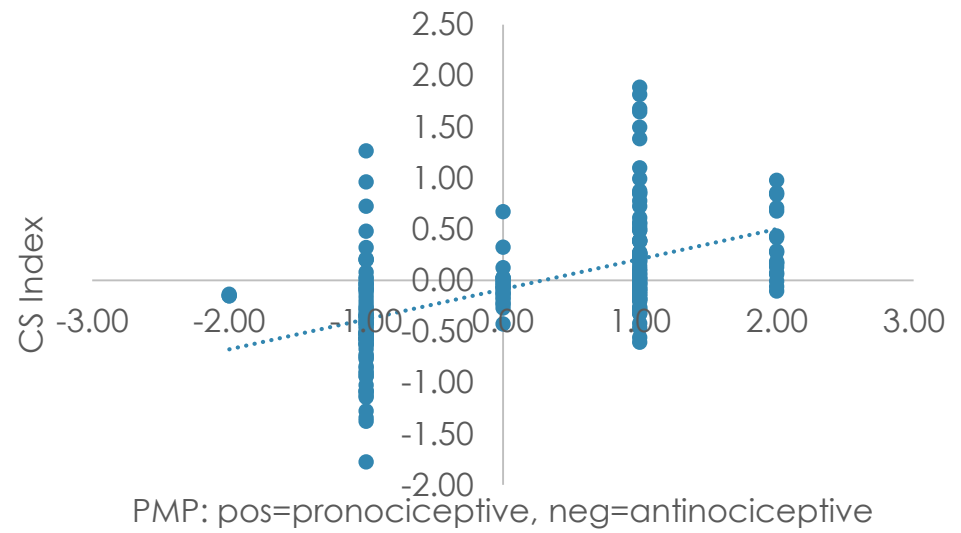
□ Grinberg et al., 2017

How do these different methods relate?

■ In TKR...



$R=.25; p=.001$



$R=.54; p<.001$

How are they related to WPI/SS?

Correlations

| | | bpi_severity.v1: Mean of Worst, Least, Average, and Current Pain Qs | wpi_sum.v1: WPI Sum | ss_sum.v1: Symptom Severity Sum | Nociceptive profile - pos=pronociceptive, neg=antinociceptive | QSTsens_indexNocsbasic.v1 | CS_TtsMtsShsAsCMP.v1 |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------|
| bpi_severity.v1: Mean of Worst, Least, Average, and Current Pain Qs | Pearson Correlation | 1 | .242** | .387** | .056 | .187* | .080 |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | | .000 | .000 | .489 | .016 | .285 |
| | N | 209 | 209 | 172 | 155 | 164 | 179 |
| wpi_sum.v1: WPI Sum | Pearson Correlation | .242** | 1 | .348** | .058 | .201** | -.015 |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | .000 | | .000 | .431 | .005 | .823 |
| | N | 209 | 246 | 197 | 184 | 197 | 214 |
| ss_sum.v1: Symptom Severity Sum | Pearson Correlation | .387** | .348** | 1 | -.019 | .181* | -.015 |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | .000 | .000 | | .819 | .023 | .844 |
| | N | 172 | 197 | 197 | 150 | 158 | 171 |
| Nociceptive profile - pos=pronociceptive, neg=antinociceptive | Pearson Correlation | .056 | .058 | -.019 | 1 | .245** | .542** |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | .489 | .431 | .819 | | .001 | .000 |
| | N | 155 | 184 | 150 | 184 | 180 | 184 |
| QSTsens_indexNocsbasic.v1 | Pearson Correlation | .187* | .201** | .181* | .245** | 1 | .337** |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | .016 | .005 | .023 | .001 | | .000 |
| | N | 164 | 197 | 158 | 180 | 198 | 198 |
| CS_TtsMtsShsAsCMP.v1 | Pearson Correlation | .080 | -.015 | -.015 | .542** | .337** | 1 |
| | Sig. (2-tailed) | .285 | .823 | .844 | .000 | .000 | |
| | N | 179 | 214 | 171 | 184 | 198 | 215 |

** . Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

* . Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

What about patient selection?

- Can/Should we continue to rule out those with more than 'our' dx of choice?
 - Easier to recruit, more generalizable and more meaningful to include other pain conditions
 - Likely something different about those with a more narrow pain. Select and subtype of patients included in clinical trial if exclude those with widespread or multiple locations.
 - Chronic widespread pain vs. regional – differ from those with focused pain.
 - Will the FDA/funding agencies allow/accept that?

What about patient selection?

- ▣ Several reviews have summarized the utility of QST in advancing personal medicine
- ▣ Should we subgroup or classify participants?
 - ▣ Forecasting analgesic benefit

Amplification associated with analgesia

Forecasting analgesic benefit:

- Lidocaine
- Lamotrigine
- Pregabalin
- Duloxetine
- Oxycodone
- Oxcarbazepine
- Placebo analgesia
- Morphine
- Mexiletine
- NSAIDs



Pain Medicine 2014; 15: 61–72
Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

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Review Article

Can Quantitative Sensory Testing Move Us Closer to Mechanism-Based Pain Management?

Cruz-Almeida & Fillingim, 2014

Pain. 2016 September ; 157(9): 1851–1871. doi:10.1097/j.pain.0000000000000602.

Patient phenotyping in clinical trials of chronic pain treatments:

IMMPACT recommendations

Edwards et al., 2016

Can quantitative sensory testing predict responses to analgesic treatment?

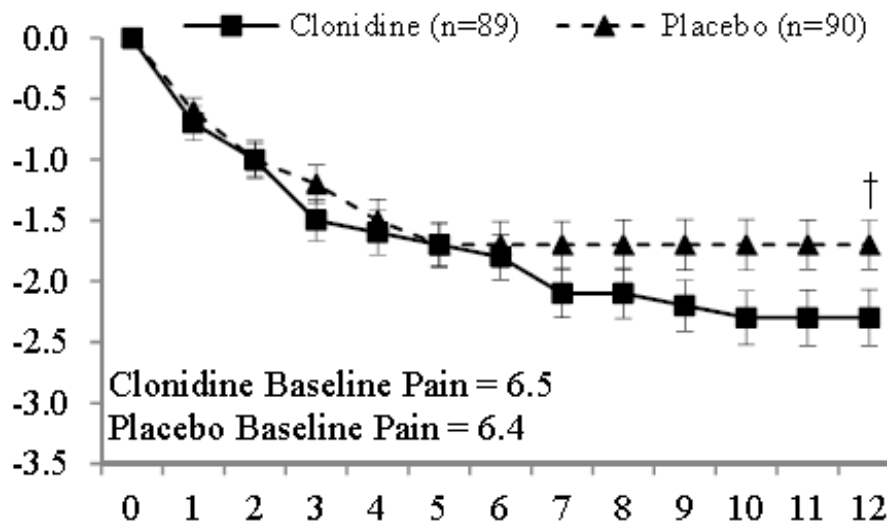
K. Grosen¹, I.W.D. Fischer^{2,3}, A.E. Olesen², A.M. Drewes^{2,4}

What about patient selection?

- ▣ Premature?
- ▣ Several reviews have summarized the utility of QST in advancing personal medicine
 - ▣ Forecasting analgesic benefit
 - ▣ Quantifying sensory function and its potential value in tailoring treatment
 - ▣ Multidisciplinary Pain Treatment
 - ▣ Spinal Cord Stimulation – CPM/TTS predicted efficacy
 - ▣ Topical Pain Treatments

Clonidine Efficacy by Capsaicin Response

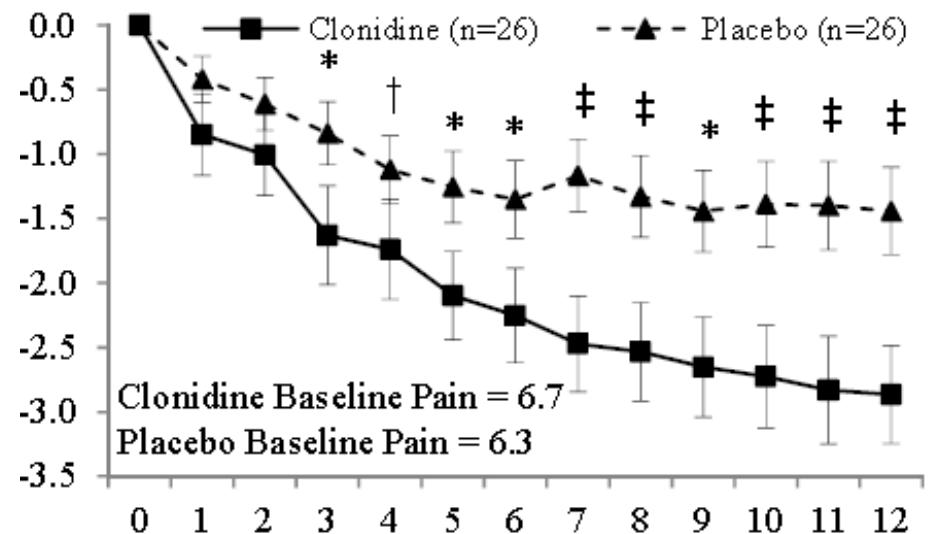
ITT Population



Clonidine Baseline Pain = 6.5
Placebo Baseline Pain = 6.4

Functional Nociceptors?

Capsaicin Response ≥ 3



Clonidine Baseline Pain = 6.7
Placebo Baseline Pain = 6.3

Implications?

- ▣ QST
 - ▣ Temporal Summation
 - ▣ Conditioned Pain Modulation
 - ▣ Static Tests?
- ▣ Psychological
 - ▣ Mood (anxiety/depression/affect)
 - ▣ Catastrophizing
 - ▣ Stress
 - ▣ Fatigue
 - ▣ Trauma history
 - ▣ Kinesiophobia
 - ▣ Fear of pain
- ▣ Behavioral
 - ▣ Sleep
 - ▣ Diet?
 - ▣ Exercise?
 - ▣ Smoking?
- ▣ Social
 - ▣ Support?
 - ▣ Solicitousness?
 - ▣ Work
 - ▣ SES
 - ▣ Demographic
 - ▣ HCU
- ▣ Physical
 - ▣ Pain Severity
 - ▣ # Painful Sites (pain at each?)
 - ▣ QST
 - ▣ Widespread 'fibromyalgiansess'
 - ▣ Disability
- ▣ Function!

Predictors



Outcomes

What outcomes?

■ BPI

■ What is being rated?

■ One ring to rule them all?



3. Please rate your pain by marking the box beside the number that best describes your pain at its worst in the last 24 hours.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
No Pain Pain As Bad As You Can Imagine

4. Please rate your pain by marking the box beside the number that best describes your pain at its least in the last 24 hours.

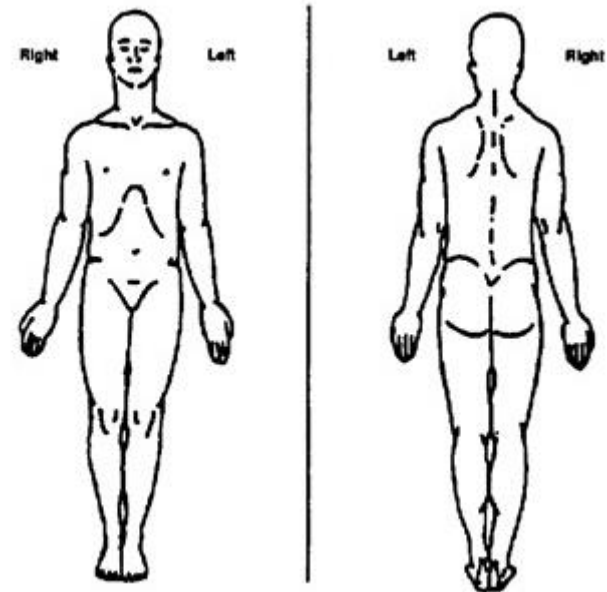
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No Pain Pain As Bad As You Can Imagine

5. Please rate your pain by marking the box beside the number that best describes your pain on the average.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
No Pain Pain As Bad As You Can Imagine

6. Please rate your pain by marking the box beside the number that tells how much pain you have right now.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
No Pain Pain As Bad As You Can Imagine



How would we put it all together if asked these for EVERY marked site?

What outcomes?

- ▣ Focus on function (thriving/functional/bedridden)
 - ▣ Functional capacity evaluation in the laboratory?
 - ▣ Wear a pedometer for x time? *
 - ▣ Use a disease specific measure of function?

Turk et al., 2016

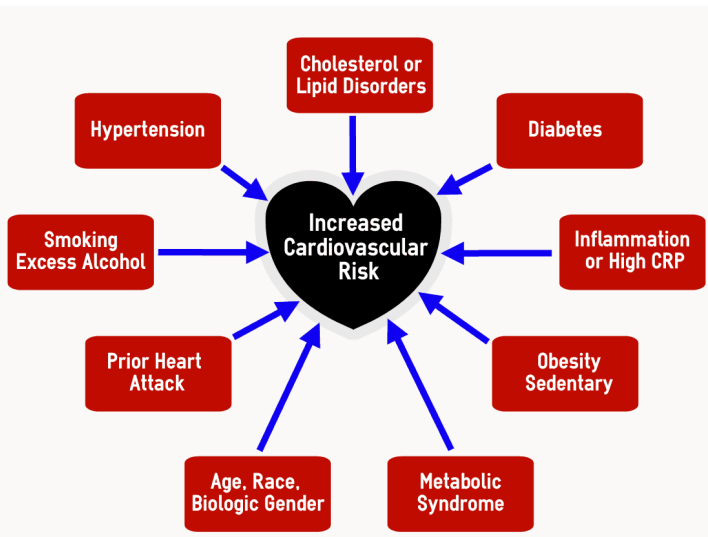
- ▣ Psych outcomes/behavior?

Constellation of vulnerability

- ▣ If CS/SSA is a continuum, how do we measure/define/describe that?
- ▣ Does the distribution of those factors matter?
- ▣ Is there a meaningful way to put it all together and measure movement on factors?

Constellation of vulnerability

Take a note from the cardiovascular literature?



| | | Blood pressure (mmHg) | | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Other risk factors, OD or disease | | Normal SBP 120-129 or DBP 80-84 | High normal SBP 130-139 or DBP 85-89 | Grade 1 HT SBP 140-159 or DBP 90-99 | Grade 2 HT SBP 160-179 or DBP 100-109 | Grade 3 HT SBP ≥180 or DBP ≥110 |
| No other risk factor | Risk level | Average risk | Average risk | Low added risk | Moderate added risk | High added risk |
| | Follow up visits /year | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 |
| 1-2 risk factors | Risk level | Low added risk | Low added risk | Moderate added risk | Moderate added risk | Very high added risk |
| | Follow up visits /year | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 |
| 3 or more risk factors, MS, OD or Diabetes | Risk level | Moderate added risk | High added risk | High added risk | High added risk | Very high added risk |
| | Follow up visits /year | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| Established CV or renal disease | Risk level | Very high added risk | Very high added risk | Very high added risk | Very high added risk | Very high added risk |
| | Follow up visits /year | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

Is there a way to put it all together?

| Baseline Factors | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------|
| Clinical Pain | Function | Lab Markers | SSA | SPACE | | |
| Pain Sites and Severity | Impact: Q's, wearables, function testing | Biomarkers (inflammation/tender point counts)/CS (TS, CPM, AS) | GS (questionnaire(s), static QST) | Behavioral Factors (smoking, sleep, vigor...) | Psychological Factors (cat, depression, anxiety) | Cognitive issues |
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| Joints | | | | | | |
| Jaw | | | | | | |
| Back | | | | | | |
| Knee | | | | | | |

Is there a way to put it all together?

| Active | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|------------------|
| Clinical Pain | Function | Lab Markers | SSA | SPACE | | |
| Pain Sites and Severity | Impact: Q's, wearables, function testing | Biomarkers (inflammation/tenderpoint counts)/CS (TS, CPM, AS) | GS (questionnaire(s), static QST) | Behavioral Factors (smoking, sleep, vigor...) | Psychological Factors (cat, depression, anxiety) | Cognitive issues |
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Summary

- ▣ Subgrouping patients?
 - ▣ Treat them differently?
- ▣ What predictors/what outcomes?
 - ▣ Both CS/GS measures?
- ▣ Should we recommend using QST?
 - ▣ Which tasks?
 - ▣ How should we present those data?
 - ▣ Should it be reduced?
- ▣ Is there a better way to show the variables impacted by treatment?

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